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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

SITUATION "DISTINCTLY GRAVE."

London, March 21.
Reuter learns that the Egyptian situation has become worse and is distinctly grave. General Allenby is returning from Paris with all speed and is expected to reach Cairo on March 25.
Besides a large number of troops already in the country, reinforcements are being sent and a number has arrived.
Bedouins west of Bahari Province have entered the Province and are looting. The Turkish flag is flying in some villages. There is no news of military casualties but some prominent native officials and several Egyptian Police are believed to have been killed.
The position is not regarded as presenting any military danger and it is believed that it will soon be well in hand.

BETTER NEWS.

London, March 22.
Reuter learns that the situation in Egypt is distinctly better. Order has been restored in several towns, and Cairo and Alexandria are quite tranquil.
The only disturbing factor is that Bedouins are reported to be gathering in considerable numbers in the hope of loot.

THE PARIS DELIBERATIONS.

ITALY DEMANDS POSSESSION OF FIUME.

Paris, March 22.
The Italian Delegates have unanimously decided to withdraw from the Peace Conference unless Fiume is assigned to Italy simultaneously with the conclusion of peace.

THE POLISH QUESTION.

London, March 21.
To-day's communique from Paris says the Supreme War Council this afternoon considered the different aspects of the Polish question and the transport of General Haller's troops to Poland.

London, March 22.
To-day's communique from Paris says the Supreme War Council discussed the new report by the Polish Affairs Commission and reserved it for final examination in connection with subsequent boundary determinations affecting Germany.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, March 21.
To-day's communique from Paris says at the meeting of the League of Nations Commission Committee this afternoon, the neutrals gave further views of the drafts of the Covenant, of which the remaining articles were examined. The Peace Conference hoped all the States there represented would become original members of the League.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS CRITICISED.

London, March 22.
A communique from Paris dated the 22nd states:—The League of Nations Commission this afternoon discussed a number of amendments suggested as a result of the recent exchange of views between the representatives of Neutral States, or of the constructive criticism to which the Covenant has been generally submitted.

POLISH LANDING AT DANZIG.

SOME GERMAN THREATS.

Copenhagen, March 22.
A message from Berlin says the Press foreshadow military resistance if a landing of Polish troops at Danzig is attempted and alternatively threaten not to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

GERMANS FLOUT ALLIED PROPOSALS.

Copenhagen, March 22.
A message from Berlin says the Germans have informed the Allied Commissioners that the German Government will in no case permit the landing of the Poles at Danzig, and also refuses to permit Allied and Polish officers to travel unrestrictedly through the territories east of the Vistula.
The Note is regarded as a categorical rejection of all the Allied proposals concerning Danzig.

GERMAN SHIPS REFUSE TO SAIL.

Copenhagen, March 22.
A message from Hamburg says three steamers which are to be handed over have not departed owing to the crews' refusal to sail.

POLISH SUCCESS.

ENTRY INTO LEMBERG.

Warsaw, March 21.
After five days' desperate fighting, Polish forces have pierced the lines of the Ukrainians who were besieging Lemberg, held by the Poles, and entered the town. The Ukrainians are being vigorously pursued. The Poles captured many prisoners, guns, machine-guns and booty.

LONDON PROCESSION OF WOUNDED MEN.

GREETED BY THEIR MAJESTIES.

London, March 22.
Led by the Earl of Cavan, ex-Divisional Commander, and the Prince of Wales, the Guards Division, about 10,000 strong, to-day marched through London in the midst of most enthusiastic cheers. There was an enormous crowd lining the lavishly beflagged route in cold bright weather.
A special covered stand was erected at Buckingham Palace from which the Royalties viewed the procession of lorries conveying the officers and those unable to walk, followed by a procession in which also participated all the demobilised Guardsmen.
After the march each soldier was handed a message from His Majesty the King with facsimile autograph of His Majesty's signature, expressing high appreciation of their war records and gratitude for honourable deeds achieved.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT HOME.

MINERS RETURN TO WORK.

London, March 21.
A conference of miners' delegates discussed the Coal Commission's reports after which it adjourned until the 30th instant, after advising the miners to continue work, pending negotiations with the Government for modifications of the proposals of the Sankey Report.

GOVERNMENT'S OFFER THE LAST LIMIT.

London, March 23.
The official reply to yesterday's Conference at Downing Street of the Triple Alliance of the Railwaymen's Union and the Government shows that Mr. Thomas replied affirmatively to Mr. Bonar Law's enquiry whether all the three members of the Alliance would strike, in the event of even an unjustified strike by one member.
Replying to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bonar Law emphasised that the Government intended that extra pay should be given for real night work by railwaymen.

As regards 100,000 railway shopmen, who mostly belong to the Engineers' Societies and not the Railwaymen's Union, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government could not negotiate with Mr. Thomas on the matter, unless the Railway Unions could come to an arrangement whereby Mr. Thomas could represent all the shopmen.

Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Government had undertaken that the wages of the railwaymen should not be reduced until the end of the year, when the question could be re-opened. He emphasised the country's financial position as serious, the railways at present costing the taxpayer over half the national expenditure before the war. The offer that the Government were now going to make was the utmost they could do.

MORE TALK AND STILL MORE TALK.

London, March 23.
Discussions continued to-day between Sir Albert Stanley, the Railway Executive Committee and the committees of both the Railway Unions. A further meeting will be held to-morrow.

NO AGREEMENT YET.

London, March 23.
The series of conferences between the railwaymen, the Government and officials, which began at Downing Street yesterday morning, continued at the Board of Trade this afternoon till late in the evening, but failed to reach an agreement. The conference has been adjourned till Sunday afternoon.

The delegates number 150. The London and district branches of the Railwaymen's Union met last evening and passed a resolution insisting on the acceptance of their full demands and a national programme. The resolution will be submitted to a mass meeting of the members on Sunday.

GOOD NEWS.

London, March 23.
It is understood that to-day's Railway Conference proceeded satisfactorily and there is a great likelihood of a settlement being achieved.

Mr. Bromly, Secretary of the Engine Drivers' and Firemen's Society, said the proceedings were most amicable, the Government being most desirous of satisfying the men's demands.

ANOTHER LABOUR CONFERENCE.

London, March 21.
A Conference of the Triple Alliance, comprising representatives of the Miners' Federation, the National Union of Railwaymen, and the Transport Workers, met and reviewed the whole labour situation, including the threatened strike of railwaymen. The Conference unanimously resolved to approach the Government with a view to removing the deadlock between the Railwaymen's Union and the Railway Executive Committee, meanwhile requesting the railwaymen to remain at work during the negotiations and pending a further decision by the Triple Alliance.

THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES.

London, March 24.
The chief difficulty in the railway situation appears to be in persuading the main body of the men's delegates to accept compromises. The present break-away is by the hot-headed section.

Mr. J. H. Thomas warned a mass meeting of London railwaymen last evening against those who talked of nothing but a strike. He declared that they were not friends, but enemies.

CONFERENCE OF RAILWAYMEN AND GOVERNMENT.

London, March 24.
The Press Bureau states:—The representatives of the Government, Railway Executive Committee and the Railway Unions to-day reviewed the whole of the concessions offered by the Government and reached agreed interpretations thereof.

If the railwaymen's unions ratify terms of the negotiations on the remaining items, the programmes will be continued immediately, the Government undertaking that every effort will be made to secure a fair and speedy settlement of it.

BRITISH FIGHTING IN NORTH RUSSIA.

BOLSHEVISTS CONTINUE THEIR ADVANCE.

London, March 24.
A British North-Russia communique states:—A strong party of Bolsheviks on the 17th instant captured the village of Bolsheozero, west of Tobozerskaya. Enemy positions are being bombarded, with a view to compelling his withdrawal.

GOVERNMENT'S DUTY TO UNEMPLOYED.

WORK AND DONATIONS GIVEN.

London, March 20.
In the House of Commons Mr. G. J. Wardle stated that the Government was paying 992,000 unemployed donations, of which 435,000 were to men, including 165,000 ex-soldiers.
Employment has been found for 79 per cent. of the demobilised soldiers, of whom 637,000 have been placed. Forty-five per cent. of the male civilians and 30 per cent. of the women have been placed.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

HUNGARIAN ALLIANCE WITH BOLSHEVISTS.

PRESIDENT OF HUNGARIAN SOVIET.

Copenhagen, March 23.
A message from Berlin, dated the 22nd, states that Alexander Gorbai assumes the Presidency of the Hungarian Soviet.

The Government Cabinet includes:—Belakun, Foreign Minister; Joseph and Pogany, War Commissioners. The newspapers in Budapest have ceased publication. Rumours have reached Berlin that the new Government intends to conclude an alliance with the Bolsheviks, three of whose emissaries are already in Budapest, bringing the story that the Russian Army has reached the Brody-Stanislaw line and are advancing to Lemberg and may be expected in Budapest within a fortnight, but the Berlin papers scout the reports, pointing out that the Bolshevik emissary, Radek, when in Berlin, frequently spread similar reports.

MARTIAL LAW IN THE COUNTRY.

Amsterdam, March 22.
A message from Budapest states that after the chief of the Entente Commission handed over to Count Karolyi the Entente Note laying down the new line of demarcation between Hungary and Rumania, to be regarded as a political frontier, the Cabinet resigned, and the Hungarian Socialist Party has taken over the administration of the country, which is declared under martial law.

THE GOVERNMENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Copenhagen, March 22.
A message from Budapest, via Berlin, says the Hungarian Soviet Government has issued a Proclamation declaring that Proletariat Hungary has taken all power into its own hands, owing to the decision of the Paris Conference to occupy almost the whole of Hungary.

The Government decrees socialisation of large estates, mines, big industries, banks and transport. It declares complete solidarity with the Russian Soviet Government and contracts an armed alliance with Proletariat Russia.

A message from Vienna says Count Karolyi's Proclamation, announcing his resignation, declares that the aim of the Entente in the further occupation of Hungary is to make Hungary a base of operations against the Russian Soviet Army, the land evacuated by the Hungarians to be given to Czech troops, whereby the Russian Soviet Army is to be overcome.

GRAVES OF OUR SOLDIERS IN FRANCE.

FRENCH PRESERVE LAND IN PERPETUITY.

London, March 23.
The Foreign Office, in publishing the terms of the Franco-British Treaty Relative to war graves, explains that the French Government recognises the Imperial War Graves Commission as the only official British organisation entrusted with the preservation of the graves of British soldiers in France. The French Government has presented the land for cemeteries to the British Authorities in perpetuity.

ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE BOLSHEVISM IN GERMANY.

SPARTACISTS STILL SCHEMING.

Berlin, March 19.
The National Zeitung asserts that, despite their ill successes, the Spartacists are continuing the agitation and are endeavouring to restore contact with the Russian Soviet troops, whom they are trying to persuade to speedily advance against Germany.

The recent Bolshevik defeat, however, will retard the advance. A deputation of Berlin Spartacist propagandists has arrived at Petrograd.

It is believed the Vienna Spartacists are preparing a coup de main and disturbances in other towns.

An Essen paper reports that the Central Soviet in Moscow has decreed on annual pension of 40,000 roubles for the widow of Herr Liebknecht.

GOVERNMENT OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

DOMINIONS' RIGHT TO A LARGER SAY.

London, March 18.
In the House of Commons, replying to Major O'Neill, Mr. Amery said that any permanent scheme of securing to the Dominions a larger participation in the Government of the Empire must be the outcome of a common agreement between the Governments concerned, and could not be set up simply on the initiative of His Majesty's Government.

He referred to the first paragraph of the resolution of the War Conference of 1917, favouring the calling of a special Imperial Conference as soon as possible after the war, in order to deal with inter-Imperial Constitutional relationship, and he pointed out that under the Imperial War Cabinet system, as developed during the last two years and carried on in the deliberations of the British Empire Delegation at Paris, the Dominions and India have actually enjoyed the most effective participation, both in the control of the conduct of the war and the framing of the peace terms.

ALIEN ENEMIES.

THE DOMINIONS AND THEIR REPATRIATION.

London, March 18.
In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Herbert Nield, Mr. Amery stated that Lord Milner had no information regarding legislation excluding, regulating the admission and repatriating alien enemies having been passed in any of the Dominions. He pointed out that the Canadian Government was taking action under the Canadian War Measures Act to remove from Canada any interned enemy aliens considered undesirable, also that arrangements were being made, as far as shipping facilities permitted, for repatriation from the Dominions of alien enemies desiring to be repatriated.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 2.3-16d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—cloudy. Barometer: 29.92. Temperature 2 p.m.:—73. Humidity 2 p.m.:—79.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Wah Tse Yut Po Service.)

Peking, March 27.

Lung Chai-kwong has established headquarters for his troops in Peking.

Agreements entered into with foreign countries recently have been published, including one for the construction of a railway from Chungchow to Lungwai in Kwangtung by American capital.

Shanghai, March 27.

Chang Sui-ki (the Shanghai Demilitarisation Commissioner) has sent out another circular telegram saying that, after discussion with the gentry, he considers demilitarisation is hardly possible. There are many minor disputes concerning the exact time, spots and distance, which even a thousand pens and tongues cannot settle. Therefore they had better put off delimitation first, and then arrange a mutual retreat. The conference should re-open immediately and settle the general situation.

The Peking Government has wired Chu-Kai-kim and asked him to inform Tang Shao-ye (that Li Hsu-ki (Tachun in Fukien) has accepted Chan King-ming's five armistice conditions.

Kung Sun-cham, the Financial Minister, has wired Chu Kai-kim proposing to pay the South-West 18 million dollars out of the eighth year bonds if the South-West will withdraw opposition.

"THE STUNTS."

PERFORMANCE AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The "Stunts" will give a performance at the Theatre Royal, on Saturday, April 5, at 9.15 p.m. of the well-known three-act comedy "Our Boys" and the cast will include Miss Elfrida Osmond, who scored such a great success as "Cinderella" in "Pinkie and the Fairies." Also, "Aunt Caroline" will take the part of "Pekyn Middlewick." The proceeds will be devoted to the Peace Memorial Fund.

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A woman sorter at the Walworth Sorting Office, Matilda Dobson, of Faraday-street, Walworth, was sent to goal for six weeks at Lambeth Police Court recently for stealing money from letter packets. It was said her wages were 23s. 6d. a week, and she had an Army separation allowance of 59s. a week, her husband being in the A.S.C. The prisoner said she had got into the clutches of a female moneylender, who charged over 400 per cent. interest.

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TO-DAY.

Engineers' Institute.—Annual meeting—9 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.—Shareholders' meeting at noon.
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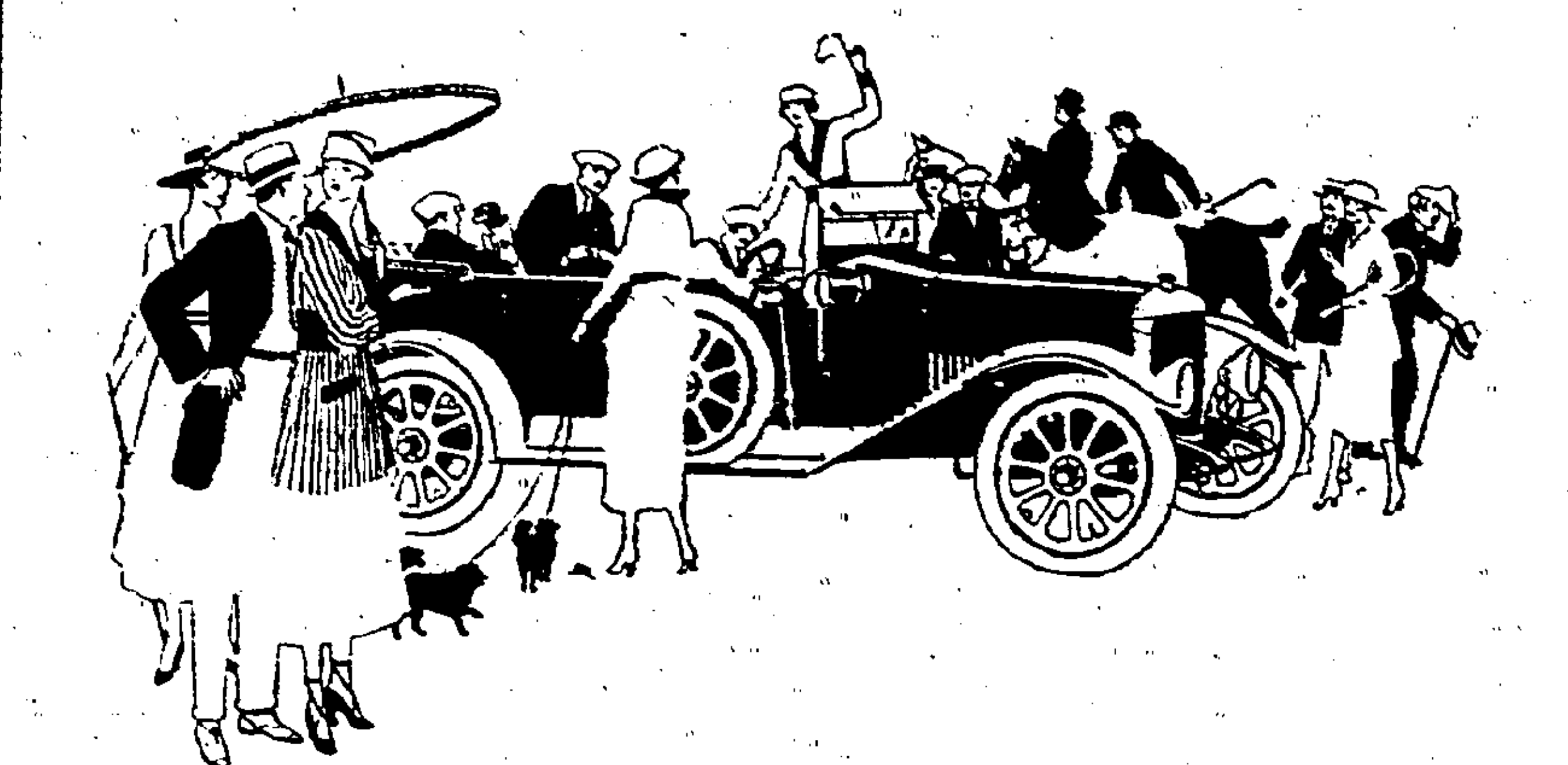
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GENERAL NEWS.

THE ARK A REPUBLIC.

Mr. P. W. Wilson, speaking at
the City Temple recently said
that Noah was the first president
of a republic to preach the
freedom of the seas. (Laughter.)
There was something lacking,
however. There were no lifebelts
in the Ark; and humanity
struggling in the waters was left
to die. Abraham was the first
Pilgrim Father, and told us, in
effect, to go to a new country
and fly from the problems that
confronted us in Europe. It was
not very kind to Europe, and he
would point out there were just
the same difficulties to be faced
in Chicago as in Manchester, the
same problems of liquor, Capital
and Labour.

PIRATE STRONGHOLD STORMED.
Recently, a gang of Chinese
pirates, who have their rendezvous
near Tsingtau, carried off two
persons as hostages and demanded
Yen 30,000 as ransom. The
Tsingtau Gendarmerie, learning
of the incident, dispatched 16
gendarmes and police officials to
clear the sea of these disturbers
of the peace. The party left Tsing-
tau by the Sokaboku-maru early
on the morning of the 13th instant.

with a pirate whom they had
arrested some time before as
guide. When a raid was made
upon the pirates' den on an island,
the outlaws offered strong resist-
ence, and there was a plentiful
use of firearms. Finally, however,
the leader and two other pirates
were arrested, while another, who
attempted to escape, was shot.
The two hostages who had been
detained were liberated. No
casualties are reported on the
side of the Japanese.

BRITISH MISSION TO CHINA.
There is good ground for the
statement that, as a result of
communications which have passed
between London and Peking, a
British mission will be sent to
China as soon as its composition
can be definitely settled for the
purpose of considering various
questions affecting Chinese. As
the mission will also have to dis-
cuss the relationship between the
Far Eastern Republic and our
Indian dependencies, it is natu-
rally desired that its members
should be experts of ripe experi-
ence; and it is especially hoped,
therefore that two in particular of
these who have been invited to
go will see their way to under-
take the journey—Birmingham
Post.

SOLDIERS' STRIKE.

COMPLAINTS
AT ALTRINCHAM CAMP.

Some 250 soldiers who are
engaged at the Army Ordnance
Camp at Sinderland, near
Alfrincham, struck work on
January 23rd in order to draw
attention to a number of grie-
vances.

The stoppage followed an agi-
tation which began some weeks
ago when, it is stated, the men
made a representation to the effect
that in their opinion the work of
demobilisation was not being ac-
complished as speedily as it ought
to be, and that in the process em-
ployed certain classes of men were
unfairly treated. They also put
forward a demand for shorter
hours of work, and as they were
unable to get a satisfactory reply
from the commanding officer they
took matters into their own hands.

In the afternoon they marched
to the Altrincham Town Hall,
where they had an interview with
the chairman of the District
Council (Mr. G. F. Turner) and
the Mayor (Mr. G. F. Armitage).
The men paraded opposite the
Town Hall and appointed six of
their number as a deputation.
These comprised two repre-
sentatives of the overseas men,
two representatives of the home
service men, and two N.C.O.'s.
On their admission to the Council
Chamber the deputation said
they did not consider that the
men at the camp had been fairly
treated in regard to demobilisa-
tion, and they had sought the
aid of the local authorities as the
only means open to them of
making their grievances known.

They stated that of 250 men
only 14 had got their discharge,
and that of these 14 only three
were ex-service men. They asked
that preference should be given
to men who joined up in 1914
and had been overseas, and that
when that had been done
preference should be given to the
men according to their length of
service. It was stated that the
Sinderland Camp had a lower
percentage of discharges than any
other camp in the country. They
suggested that at least 10 per
cent of their number should be
demobilised weekly, and that 1914
men should go first.

They also complained of the dis-
charge of conscientious objectors
before men who had been overseas,
and said there was a danger that
when their turn for discharge
came they might find their places
in civil life taken up by men who
had done absolutely nothing. Em-
phasis was also laid on the fact
that the men were required to

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work now as hard as they did be-
fore the armistice. They were en-
gaged, they said, in the work of or-
dinary labourers at army pay, im-
mediate communication should be
sent to the War Office. They
expressed the hope that in the
meantime the men would return
to work.
A member of the deputation
said the men had received notice
to resume work until their grievances
had been remedied.
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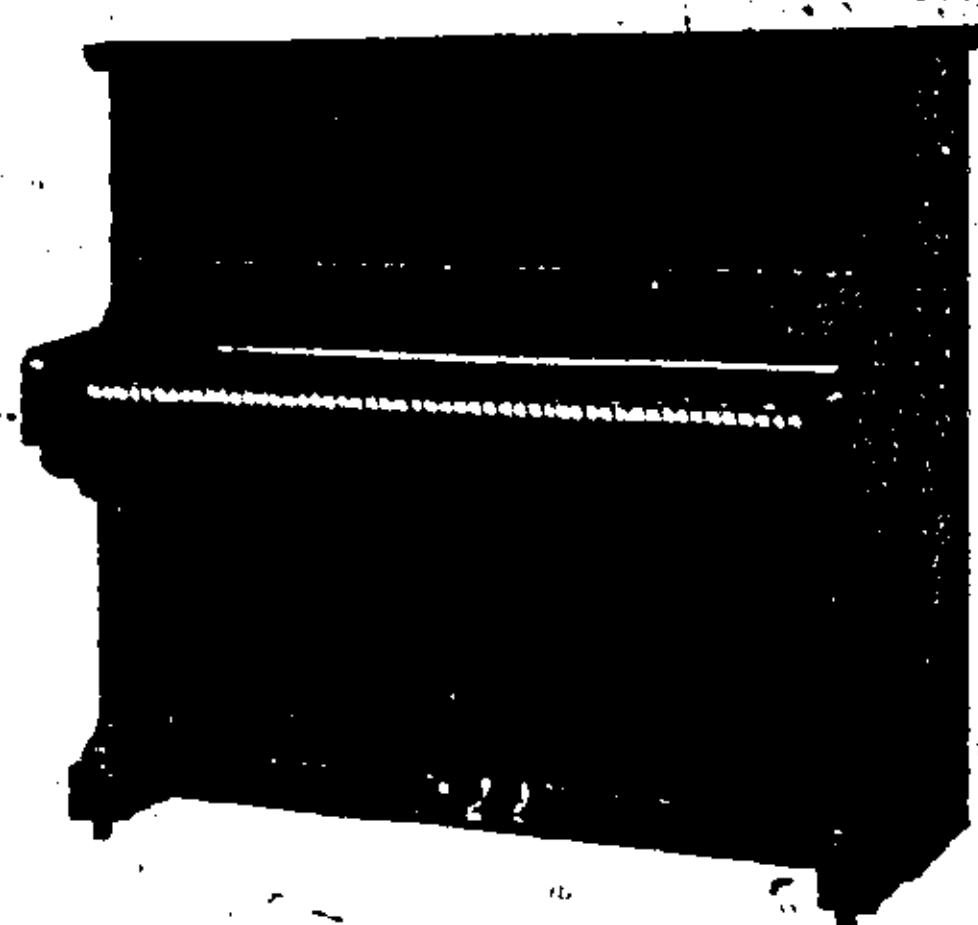
YESTERDAY'S INSPECTION.

His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., held an inspection of the Hongkong Regular Police Force yesterday afternoon at the Central Police Station Compound. He was accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Mr. P. P. J. Woodhouse, D.S.P. There were also present Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe (C.S.P.), Mr. T. H. King (A.S.P.), Chief Inspector Kerr and other Inspectors and Officers of the Force. Following the inspection, the presentation of medals for meritorious service took place. His Excellency personally pinning the decorations on the breasts of the recipients, and receiving their salute.

The Force was drawn up in the form of a hollow square, in the centre of which His Excellency, addressing the Force, said:—Mr. Wolfe, members of the Hongkong Police Force. I am very glad to have the honour of coming here to day to inspect you for the first time since I arrived in this Colony, more than seven years ago. I also very much regret, as I am sure you will too, that the inspection to day is not being held by Sir Henry May as it has been year after year. His long connection with the Corps as Captain Superintendent of Police and later as Governor of the Colony, has come to an end and I am sure you will all sympathise with him in the illness which has caused him to resign his appointment as Governor. The latest reports are that he is progressing favourably and we all hope that his very active life's work has not yet been finished. This inspection is the first one to be held after the end of hostilities in the great war and I should like to say briefly that the Government of this Colony is much indebted to those members of the Corps who have carried on through the four years during which their numbers have been more and more depleted. There has been very good work done by all branches of the Corps and the large number of awards which I am about to make are a tribute to that work. We cannot forget those men who were fortunate enough to get to the scene of operations and while we honour all who went to fight we sympathise with those volunteers for active service who had the misfortune to be left behind. They have done very hard work here and I hope they will not think that their services to the Empire generally will be forgotten because they did not get the good fortune to go to the front. My hope is that those of your members who have died in the war for their country will be suitably commemorated in the new building when it is finished, also the names of those who went to the front. I want particularly to mention among the awards I am about to make the act of Sergeant Bond. None of us were actually present, but I think most of us have imagination to realise what it was to dive into the sea in winter here on a dark night, not to save life in the ordinary way but to perform the duty of arresting a criminal. If he had not succeeded the act was a very great one, but he not only performed this very gallant act of diving into the sea on a winter's night, without the launch stopping in the middle of the junk anchorage, but effected the arrest of the man. He must have expected considerable resistance and he was in eminent risk of his life. Then there is one of the victims of Gresson Street, who appears to-day because he was not well enough to appear last year and his injuries have turned out much more severe than supposed at the time. He is Indian Police Constable 330 Tara Singh. He is the last of those men who suffered in that dastardly affair and it will give me great pleasure to present him with the medal to-day. He has been invalided from the service and will return to his own country with our best wishes for his recovery. It will now give me great pleasure to present the awards of this list. You have lost recently your Copt. Superintendent, Mr. Messer, who has been transferred to the post of Treasurer, but I am sure in Mr. Wolfe you have a very worthy successor. He will look after the interests of the Corps in general and will be prepared to meet the conditions in this Colony which are rapidly making an increase of the force necessary.

His Excellency then presented the medals, a full list of which was published yesterday.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NEUTRALS AND LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

London, March 20.
A communique from Paris says that representatives of thirteen neutral states were received informally this afternoon by a small committee of the Commission on the League of Nations when the first fifteen articles of the draft covenant were examined seriatim and a number of amendments proposed by representatives of the various neutral states. It is hoped to conclude the examination of the remaining articles to-morrow. The League of Nations Commission will begin consideration of the suggested amendments on Saturday.

GERMANS PURCHASE FOODSTUFFS.

Cologne, March 20.
Thirteen thousand pounds sterling worth of foodstuffs from the Allies were yesterday handed over to the Germans who paid in British banknotes. A further large consignment is expected to-morrow.

TWO WAR BILLS.

Paris, March 21.
Canada has completed her war costs bill, which will shortly be submitted to the Reparation Commission. It is understood the bill amounts to between £200,000,000 and £400,000,000.
Portugal's war indemnity amounts to £120,000,000.

CHINA'S DEMANDS.

Paris, March 21.
The Chinese Delegation have submitted a memorandum chuan, and declaring the continuance of foreign occupation to the Peace Conference, demanding the restoration of Kiao in China as likely to result in serious misunderstandings, emphasising that the restitution be made to China direct, and not through an intermediary, Japan.

OCCUPATION OF GERMAN TOWNS.

Paris, March 20.
The "Vossische Zeitung" announces that owing to fresh Spartacist outbreaks French troops have occupied Karlsruhe and Mannheim.

HUNGARY'S REFUSAL.

Paris, March 21.
A message from Budapest states that Hungary has refused Hungary's merchant vessels on the ground that acquiescence fused to obey the Entente demand for the surrender of would mean an end to the traffic on the Danube.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR LEGISLATION.

London, March 20.
A communique from Paris says: The Labour Legislation Commission has adopted the British draft convention for the establishment of a permanent organisation for International Labour Legislation.

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THE CITY HALL.

There must be many people in Hongkong who have often wondered to whom the City Hall belongs, and why so little has been done to make it into an up-to-date block of premises. The general impression has been that the building was held in trusteeship, though for what or whom, the haziest notions have prevailed. Some of these doubtful points were, however, cleared up at the annual meeting on Wednesday evening, when the Chairman read some most interesting extracts from past records. Amongst other things, these showed that when the City Hall was first decided upon, some \$15,000 was collected, a much bigger sum was secured by the flotation of shares, and the Government made a grant of \$10,000 to complete the building, whilst it has also annually voted a sum of \$1,200 for the Librarian and Curator of the Museum. The shareholders appear now to be very few in number, most prominent of whom are Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company and Sir Paul Chater. As to the financial position of the City Hall, nothing was disclosed at the meeting, but it would appear that, unless records can be found to the contrary, it is still entitled to compensation for the loss of its foreshore rights occasioned by filling in the sea-bed in front of the building many years ago. Whether it has a legal claim to such compensation now, is a point upon which we would not care to venture an opinion.

Such a building as a City Hall ought, of course, to belong to the community. Here it certainly does not at present, though the public has some interest in it from the fact of the Government votes referred to. However, we are glad to see that the Committee realises the need that there is for a completely new building. As Mr. Landale said, the present premises have done good duty for fifty years; but neither he nor anyone else will deny that they have outlived their utility. What suited the Colony half a century ago does not suit it to-day, and we can only trust that if anything comes of the project to construct new premises a long view of future necessities will be taken. The standpoint of the present Committee of the City Hall appears to be that a modern building is needed and that, if one is erected, a large portion of the cost should fall on public funds. That is a reasonable attitude to take, for the provision at any rate of such adjuncts to life as a museum, library and assembly rooms ought to be taken up as a municipal duty.

Whatever arrangements are come to regarding the erection of a new building, the desirability of the step cannot be for one moment disputed. The present premises are decidedly ill-equipped to serve the needs which they were intended to meet, and the Museum in particular is a museum in more senses than one, whilst the Library is little short of a disgrace to the Colony. Mr. Landale thinks that a new set of buildings, even if they do not contain a theatre, would be as good a War Memorial as any. There is certainly much to be said for that viewpoint, and we are sure that it will be accorded every consideration by the Committee which is to decide upon the various schemes which have been suggested. Distinct public utility would be found in a modern Library, Museum and assembly rooms worthy of the Colony, whilst a new Theatre is equally necessary, whether it be included in the scheme or provided separately by private enterprise or otherwise. It is, at any rate, reassuring to feel that at length there is a general consensus of opinion that the time has arrived when a new City Hall and Theatre should be built. It now only remains to decide upon the ways and means of satisfying the general demand in this direction.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BOLSHEVISM TRIUMPHANT.

We had thought that the Allies in defeating Germany, destroying her Army, and taking away her Navy, had made almost impossible any further disturbance of the world's peace, but there has arisen a menace possibly greater than the German one, a menace which threatens to bring infinite misery to the nations of Europe. For some weeks past our attention has been fixed on the Peace Conference, and the schemes which they are drawing up for the future welfare of nations, and we have in a measure lost sight of the fact that Bolshevism is in the ascendant. We have read of what we thought small campaigns against the Russian Bolsheviks, in which sometimes they were successful and sometimes beaten. But the news of the last two days has focussed our attention once more on this subject, and there can be no doubt that the situation is very serious. Not only have the Bolshevik forces been victorious, but they have gained another adherent to their cause, namely Hungary. Let us see first what their armies are doing. These appear to be well armed and organised, and are fully equipped with artillery and machine guns. They have begun a general offensive on the Lithuania-Courland front, and though they have been beaten in Northern Lithuania, they are now threatening the important town of Mitau. This is serious enough, but the situation is much worse near Odessa, where the Allies seem to be in a very critical position, and it is rumoured that the French are evacuating the city. The Bolshevik campaign has ceased to be a trivial affair, when the Allied forces may have to evacuate an important town like Odessa, which is the main seaport in the Black Sea, and the centre of the huge wheat-growing territory of South Russia. If the Bolsheviks become the masters of Odessa, they will have achieved a brilliant victory for their infamous cause. In another wire, Reuter, in stating that no official report of the evacuation of Odessa has as yet been received in London, more or less implies that this contingency is not improbable. As far as we can learn now, the enemy forces have occupied Kherson and Nicolaieff, and now hold the whole of the Ukraine. In the middle of all this, the Peace Conference is sitting at Paris and promises us peace in short time. The whole of Europe at the same time is demanding food, and the Bolsheviks are making themselves masters of the richest granaries in the Continent. It is a strange foundation on which to lay the basis of peace.

The body of a well-dressed married Chinese woman, 23 years of age, was found floating in the Harbour near the Blake Pier yesterday and was removed to the Public Mortuary. It was identified by her family, who stated that previous to her death the deceased sent them a letter in which mention was made of her "coming death." It is apparently a case of suicide.

ANOTHER CONVERT.

The Bolshevik campaigns are in all truth serious enough but there is a still graver aspect, for they are not only gaining victories by force of arms, but they are also gaining adherents to their cause. Hungary has declared for Bolshevism. This is more useful to the Bolsheviks than mere success by arms. The Allies, if they take the matter of the Bolshevik armed offensive in hand, can undoubtedly overcome it with ease, but the same cannot be said with regard to more dangerous offensive propaganda, which has succeeded in converting Hungary to the cause. If Bolshevism continues to spread as it is doing at present, all the plans of the Peace Conference will be so many empty words, for Bolshevism is bound to upset them all. How can the Allies hope to build up the Rumanian, Polish, and Czechoslovak States in the face of the present Bolshevik advance and consequently how can they hope to frustrate future German attempts at domination in Eastern Europe? What we advocate now, we have advocated before in these columns. Defeat Bolshevism first and discuss peace afterwards. While this menace in Europe continues, the Peace Conference is a farce, and the latest news only serves to confirm us in our convictions. The Conference may in all probability give us a peace of sorts, but all the nations demand a sure and lasting peace, which is absolutely impossible at present. Nothing could be more dangerous than half measures as regards peace. The war is not yet over, and it is useless to discuss a world peace till it has been decisively finished. The longer Bolshevism is allowed a free hand, the more adherents it will gain, and consequently the longer it will take to be destroyed.

DAY BY DAY.

THE CURIOSITY OF OTHERS ENABLES SOME MEN TO MAKE A GOOD LIVING.

Three fatal cases of plague are shown in yesterday's health return.

A fine of \$600, or, in default, three months' hard labour, was today inflicted on a Chinese for being in possession of six lbs. of loose opium. He was arrested at the Ping On Wharf, the drug being found concealed in the false side of a box.

A meeting of the members of the Hongkong Poultry Association is to be held at Messrs. Johnston, Stokes and Master's office, Ice House Street, on Tuesday next at 5.30 p.m. to pass the rules drafted by the Committee.

The Douglas s.s. Haitian leaves Hongkong to-day with about 150 deportees from Singapore, for Swatow, and will return on Sunday with nine German subjects. The Germans will be met by an armed guard and will be transhipped to a Blue Funnel steamer for repatriation.

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The two Chinese who were arrested on a charge of receiving a quantity of rice stolen from the godown at 109, Connaught Road West, were again remanded to-day for another week on the application of Mr. F. X. d'Almada and Mr. P. W. Goldring, their solicitors. Mr. J. H. Gardener is appearing for owners of the rice, proceeding against the two alleged receivers and also two other Chinese who were alleged to have broken into the godown with others not arrested and to have stolen \$500 worth of rice.

Madame Lily charged her hat-maker before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning with stealing one yard of grey silk and a number of steel beads. Madame Lily said that she sent to her dressmaker, who worked in the "same house with the accused, eight yards of silk which she received from a European lady to make into a dress. The dress was returned, but unaccompanied by spare materials. She discovered the theft yesterday when, in passing the shop of Mohammed & Co., at No. 1, D'Aguilar Street, she saw in the window a hat which was made of the silk in question. She purchased it, and questioned the dress-maker, who said that he had some spare material left from the dress, but that it had disappeared. A report made to the Police led to the arrest of the accused, who denied stealing, and accused the dressmaker. A remand was ordered by the Magistrate, on the application of Mr. G. R. Haywood, who appeared for the defence.

SHOT BY ROBBERS.

A MURDER IN HONGKONG.

A Chinese market gardener, 62 years of age, was last night shot dead by robbers who entered his garden on the hillside at Whitfield, Causeway Bay.

The robbers, who were armed with revolvers, attempted to snatch the ornaments of his wife and daughters, who were at the time in the garden, but desisted and hurriedly left the place on the inmates raising the cry for help.

On coming out of the house into the garden, they were met by the gardener, who had hurried up in response to the cry. The robbers, without any compunction, fired three shots at the old man. The first two missed him, but the third entered his head and killed him.

The robbers all made good their escape.

ROBBIE'S LETTER.

TO HIS NEPHEW AT HOME.

Hongkong, March 26th, 1919.

Dear Alick,—And so you've got shot of the whole business at last. Well that's good news anyway. There's a lot of folks here been wondering for a long time past just when you'd get out of hospital. From the way some folks go on you'd think that you went there for their amusement. But I'm real glad that your knee's a lot better even if you do get a pension of 5/6. That reminds me, is it 5/6 a day, a week, a month or quarter or year? You wadna make an up-to-date reporter, Laddie. No, that I'm gifted w' anything special in that line myself but I like accuracy—aye, accuracy. At the same time figures aye did make me feel kind o' dizzy. The other day I saw the estimated indemnity that Germany would be called upon to pay. It started w' a 2 and then followed w' such a string o' noughts that before the finish it looked more like a pearl necklace in print than anything else I know of. Figures so big aye bring me in mind o' when I was a boy and used to hear the minister talk about eternity. Even yet, the very thought of wearing a halo for that length o' time makes me fair no' well. The human mind, unless it's trained to be a bank manager, isna built to grasp it. That brings me to my next point. I'm beginning no' to quite like the way you're talking about this Labour business. Of course you're on the spot. But let me tell you what Wells says in his last book, "Joan and Peter."

"What does this democracy mean? Does it mean a crowd of primitive brutes howling down progress and organisation? because if it does, I want to be in the machine gun section". And he's a socialist, mind ye.

I wouldn't just be prepared to go that length for if the coal scandal that we read about last week is to be believed there seems to have been more graft in the Old Country the last year or so, than progress and organisation. All the same I don't like to read this Bolshevik stuff of yours. The Russian Revolution would have been all right if it had stopped revolting after a bit. All the world's a stage but you don't need to sit in the gallery and throw things at the performers.

You've had a bad time w' your sore knee but believe me it's better to have a lame leg than a limp in your intellect. It's a defect no doctor can cure. Do your own thinking. You would not care to wear the "cast-off" clothes even of your best chum, would you? Then are you not ashamed to take your ideas at second-hand? Aye, hear this in mind: parrots never fly high, even if they do make a lot of noise.

I'm glad you're going to see your Aunt in Greenock for a bit. You'll find that she'll no be "marvellously changed" at any rate. We were to be a wonderful people after the war. A new light was to shine on our lives. But are we? From what I can see from the home papers, 1919 isn't so very much changed from 1914. All seem to be doing their best to restore the old things. They're having jazz-band instead of ragtime band: the night clubs are beginning to reopen; a London public finds the same old thrill in a cocaine or a murder case; the folks flock to football matches between the same old teams. Of course it was bound to be so. Human nature, let us hope, is ever on the upward path; but it needs longer than a paltry four or five years, crammed as these were with tragic instruction, to shake off all the old follies and clothes itself in the vestal robes of a blameless life, mind I'm telling ye.

.....and w' the result that most folks and the newspapers in particular have got the fairy craze. Reporters since last week's wrestle w' "Pinkie" seem to feel a transfiguring presence. They have acquired a touch of

fantasy and altogether seem to have come very close for a spell to that dreamland in which Pauline Chase played the role of Peter Pan some years ago. We may expect a somewhat lighter touch in the Police Court news in the days to come. Such is the power of the stage, the word visualised.

I have yet to know the woman, after putting her head for the first time beneath the focussing cloth of a camera, set up out of doors, who did not exclaim over the image on the ground glass. It is, she always says, so beautiful and so nicely coloured—though the box may be pointed haphazard at a henhouse; and so brilliant, although it lacks by a hundredfold the brightness of the actual scene; and so true, although the lens itself has its own compromises, often making the edges of the scene hazy, as if a low-lying mist was about to envelope the lens. Well, there's beauty everywhere; we have our Peter Pans and fairies in our own homes, or, if childless, in the homes of our friends. After all, brightness, as in the case of the camera and the stage, is a matter of contrast. In the all-pervading brightness of day in our homes the children have their own immediate presence, heroes and heroines, imaginative anticipations, fairies and brownies, kings and queens, and, at times, the awesome tiger, the latter, I often suspect, being introduced by some imaginative amah. As in the case of the camera so it is with the fairies, truth lies in being persuaded. We are more easily persuaded in the actuality of Pinkie's fairies by the theatre than we shall ever be by the seemingly unintelligible chatter of our children. In the case of the play as in the matter of the hen-house, it looks more real simply because they are sharply focussed in the dark. Pinkie is an illustration of the intense power of imagination in children. That power needs preserving, and anything—even education—likely to kill it, should be tabooed. Untrammelled imagination gives greater scope for the development of originality, aye, even genius; stifles it and the kiddies become stereotyped and as conventional as grown-ups.

I was in a house last Sunday having tiffin. Now that I'm a widower let out on the grass, I'm being well looked after, let me tell you. After a bit we sat out on the verandah so that we could ease the waistcoat bottom button and have a smoke. By and by, the kiddies followed us—a wee boy and girl, and with the help of a dog that looked a cross between a stuffed jack rabbit and a pom, they began to play w' an undersized rattan table and the lids of the cigarette tins. While my host was moaning about freight rates or something, I was watching them w' the tail of my eye. A wean could see that they were going to have a tea party and the dog was to be entertained. It was a grand tea party. Right in the midst of it though, the wee girl seemed to think of someone and there and then she rose and went to the wall, and after performing what looked to me like some Swedish drill, began speaking in a loud shrill voice. I could hear her above the drone at my side and from the conversation I understood that she had rung up an imaginary person w' an imaginary telephone in much the same tone of voice as I imagine her mother would use at the phone and was inviting the imaginary guest to be at the other end of the imaginary line to come at once and partake of imaginary tea and cake. But that didn't last long, for the war memorial expert beside me then banged up in a temper, demanded to know what the devil all the row was about anyhow, and packed the whole boiling of them inside out of the way. It maybe was true what he said about them having a nursery all fixed up w' low chairs, toys and books galore and a carpet an inch thick, but he couldn't understand that the world of make-believe to be effective, doesn't need to be furnished by Lane and Crawford. Some folks have Pinkie and the Fairies every day in their own homes and are not aware of it.....

Yours truly,
ROBT. MacWHITER.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

"In all societies the professional politician will reveal himself as a somewhat debased type. In a Parliamentary phycocracy, like our own, he will proceed in a fashion with which we are only too familiar, will make himself the paid servant of those wealthy men who finance politicians, and will enrich himself by means of 'tips' from financiers and bribes from Government contractors."—From Mr. Cecil Chesterton's posthumous *History of the United States*.

One ambition of Theodore Roosevelt's was unfulfilled up to the time of his death. Governor Sheehan, his staunch comrade in many a fierce political tussle, records a conversation he had, standing before the mounted skin of a monster grizzly bear which Mr. Roosevelt had shot at close range—so close that the odds at one instant seemed greatly in favour of the grizzly. After a graphic description of the struggle Mr. Roosevelt exclaimed: "But I shall never be satisfied until I have killed a grizzly bear with a knife."

The one good thing that most people have found to say about the war is that it has taught us geography. The flood of fresh knowledge let loose upon us seems, nevertheless, to have some curious backwaters, as the following story will show. A domestic emergency had arisen in a South London household, and the local police were consulted as to the quickest means of summoning home, on special leave, a private soldier serving with General Allenby's forces in the East. The sergeant on duty at the station was very sympathetic, and made laborious notes of the man's name, number, and address for the purpose of an eventual telegram, but he questioned whether "Egyptian Expeditionary Force, Palestine," might not prove too vague, seeing the urgency of the matter in hand. "Better make it as clear as we can, ma'am," said he. "I suppose, now, you can't tell me just where Palestine is. Is it in France?"

Mr. Henry Ford believes that youth should have its chance in industry. President Wilson obviously takes the same view about diplomacy. Mr. Grew, who has been appointed Secretary and Supervising Director of the American Commission to negotiate peace, is only 33 years old. By comparison with Mr. Hoover or Mr. Lansing, who are members of the Commission, Mr. Grew is little known in this country, but he has crowded a remarkable experience of international affairs into his brief diplomatic life. He served in the American Embassy in Mexico City in 1906-7, was Third Secretary at St. Petersburg in 1907-8, and Second Secretary at Berlin from 1908 to 1911. After a year in Vienna, part of the time as Charge d'Affaires, he returned to Berlin, where he was appointed Counsellor in 1917. Another period of service in Vienna as Charge d'Affaires preceded America's entry into the war. Mr. Grew found time to travel in the Far East and to write a book on the subject.

I am not surprised says a correspondent in the *Daily News*, to observe that the principal Chinese delegate to the Peace Conference, Mr. Liu Chong Hsiang, addressed the assembly in singularly pure and accurate French. I met Mr. Liu when he was passing through London some six or seven years ago. He spoke no English, but talked in most fluent French of the difficulties and hopes of his country, then in the first testing months of its existence as a Republic. Mr. Liu, who combines all the graceful courtesy of the old order in China with the liberalism and broadmindedness of the new, is one of the indispensable men in the political life of the Republic. Again and again, in the vicissitudes of the past half-dozen years, he has resigned his position at the Foreign Office at Peking, and again and again he has been recalled to resume a task that no one else could discharge so efficiently.

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HONGKONG'S HOUSING QUESTION.

II.—Facts and Causes of the Present Situation.

Special to the "Telegraph."

Since the world began, people have been asking "Why?"—in a note of mournful complaint rather than of curiosity, the terse query has rung down the ages. And it has seldom been vouchsafed a reply. Residents of Hongkong, menaced with eviction as a side-issue in a campaign of "peaceful" penetration can only despair if the worst should fall, for none can help them. Or rather, none will help them. The Government could help them, but finks the job. Government inaction is as often sheer funk as it is mere apathy. "International complications" are bogys which utterly paralyse Crown Colony administrations. They lead to questions from the Colonial Office, and No-Wanchee-Botherdom simply abhors questions. They are such awkward things to answer, especially under the handicap of weak knees and incapacity.

Why has Hongkong got its housing question? The reasons are many, and it is possible to state a few. All, or most of them, might be recorded with the seal of authenticity had the Government acceded to the request to appoint a Commission of Inquiry. But Commissions of Inquiry are too "Nosey-Parker" for anything. They discover all sorts of disconcerting things, and worse than that, they actually express strong opinions on them and make absurd recommendations which, by inference, convict the Government of atrocious neglect. Of its plain duty in the past, and commit the capital offence of calling for the expenditure of some of those accumulated balances which look as comforting in budget statements.

THE SINGAPORE COMMISSION. However, the inquirer is able to lay hold of something which cannot be cavalierly dismissed as what the lawyers call "hearsay evidence." Perhaps the public of Singapore squealed a little louder than the public of Hongkong, or perhaps the Straits Government was "weaker" than its eastward confrere. Whatever the reason, a Singapore Housing Commission was appointed, held some thirty meetings, examined about fifty witnesses of all classes and interests, and finally presented a Report of most memorable and impressive character. That Report is the more valuable because, contrary to custom, the Official members of the Commission did not put forth their every effort to wet-blanket the inquiry. The President was the Hon. Mr. W. George Maxwell, C.M.G., one of the most progressive-minded members of the Government services of Malaya—a man unafraid of new ideas, and in no sense of the traditional type of Colonial servant whose chief ambition seems to be to tide

source of many ills), became virtual owners of large residential areas. They sowed more wisely than they knew. They have now reaped, and are still reaping, a rich harvest. The main point is that the moderate returns on house property discouraged building, when building was cheap. Thus the erection of new houses did not keep pace with the increase of population—an increase inevitable and calculable. And thus the value of house property as an investment became automatically adjusted. And thus were born, from the womb of cent-per-cent, the woes of present-day tenants, or would-be tenants.

In Hongkong there was another element that worsened the situation, and this also dated from before the war—in fact, from 1911, when the troubles in China first brought the rich men of Canton careering into British Hongkong for sanctuary, buying up houses, big and small, at hugely inflated prices. That element has been operating now for nearly eight years, and its accumulated effect must by now be very formidable.

The housing troubles were bound to come, war or no war. The war has merely intensified them. When the time came that house-property was a very productive and not a doubtful investment, with no risk whatever of vacancy, and the builder could start to work knowing that he could get a good price for the completed structures, he found himself crippled and rendered helpless by high prices—partly prices legitimately enhanced by war conditions, but largely forced up by deliberate profiteering and "cornering" operations. The result was that to build houses became financially an impossible proposition. The outlay required was so great that the rents necessary to bring a reasonable return on the money would have been fabulous—obtainable, possibly, for a year or two, but doomed to a heavy slump in due course, despite the sublime indifference of Governments to such petty concerns of the common herd.

Again, even had the builder (and by builder is meant the man who handles the speculative end of the operation, who is not always the contractor who does the actual building) been able to consider house-erection, he would have been a bad business-man to have done so. There was other work that paid better, thanks to submarines. Owing to shortage of tonnage, there were great accumulations of produce and goods, and storage space was at a very high premium. Godown-building was the only kind of building really worth while, and it was very handsomely worth while. Either in rents or purchase-prices, godown values bounded upward to unprecedented figures, so much so that not only was house-building dead, but many existing houses were converted into temporary godowns and the tenants driven out to other already sadly overcrowded buildings.

HOW THE PROFITEERS SCORED. It has been said that there was profiteering and cornering of building materials. That is not difficult to prove. Bricks rose to three times the price from which the upward movement began—brick works are few, and "agreements" easy—and in that item alone is sufficient reason for building operations being economically unsound. It was the same with timber—the sawmills organised "rings," and held the market at their mercy. It is this sort of thing that in future must be prevented, and can easily be prevented, if No-Wanchee-Botherdom can be prevailed upon to bestir its more or less majestic self.

THE POOR SPECULATIVE BUILDER, always anxious to build because it is his livelihood, seems to have been hopelessly beset with difficulties, meeting with some *cul de sac* at every turn. Another of his sorrows was that he could find eminently suitable sites, but could not acquire them, because they were held by that parasite of all communities, the land-hog—the man who buys a plot of land, and then sits tight on it until, by no efforts of his own, but by those of neighbouring land-owners, and the

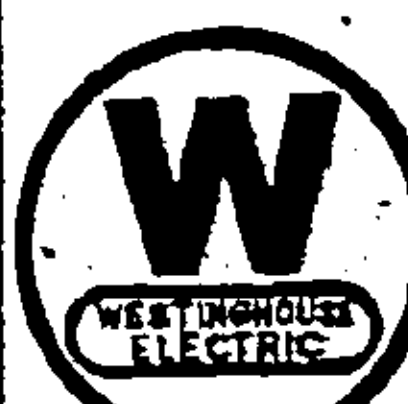
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general progress of the community, the acreage value has risen to a sufficient extent for him to make a big profit by selling. Thus land that might accommodate dwellings for hundreds of people is left undeveloped because of the selfishness and greed of an individual. There is a way of dealing with that gentleman, too, and No-Wanchee-Bother knows the way. But it would cause no end of a furor, for the land-hog is often a "great" man. The publication of a list of land-hogs would cause a good deal of astonishment.

There is, by the way, also the house-hog—the wealthy man who has several establishments, some of which he may not occupy for more than a week in a year. In times when houses are plentiful, and the social order remains as it is, this is all very well. But when many people are hard put to find shelter of any kind, it is certainly very wrong, and should not be tolerated.

Really, we are in a fair way to finding a little occupation for our friend No-Wanchee-Bother!

Finally, there is the moneyed-alien question around which most of the prevailing public agitation revolves. At present, both in Hongkong and in Singapore, the alien chiefly concerned is the Japanese. He has taken advantage of the European nations to annex much of their trade, at any rate in the East. Whether he has annexed it permanently, or is merely holding as "mandatory" and hoping that the job will be a permanency, is a matter of opinion.

THE JAPANESE "INVASION." The concern of the moment is that, following his trade, he has come to these Eastern cities in hundreds. Like other mortals, he requires a bed, and a home for the womenfolk and budding commercial magnates, whom he brings along with him. Having the trade, he also has the money, and seeing a house which he fancies, he looks up the landlord, and bribes him. That is, he either offers twice the rent which the existing tenant is paying, or buys the house outright at a ridiculous figure, which the landlord, being human, would be a fool to refuse.

This article has kept harking back to the ethics of good business. Whether our gallant Ally of the Rising Sun is doing

good business in these matters may be doubted. He may yet sadly rue many of his bargains, and that before very long. The ugly fact remains, however, that at present he occupies many houses formerly occupied by British subjects, who did not wish to leave them but could not engage in a rent-suction with him, and whilst he smugly rejoices in the liberty of the subject as exemplified in the British Empire, the ejected British subjects can only wonder what would happen were British or any other aliens to attempt similar processes in Nagasaki or Yokohama.

This is a subject upon which it is impossible to mince words. Plain speaking and plain writing are demanded. This is a British Colony, and British subjects—whatever their colour—should have preferential treatment in all such vital matters which so closely affect their health and happiness and domestic finances. The question may be more difficult of approach than others which have been referred to, but that is no excuse for doing nothing.

The individual Japanese who gets a house because he can rattle the dollars is not to be blamed. He is acting within the rights which we easy-going British have conceded him. It is the old, bad law of supply and demand again. It is a law which in this twentieth century should be put under restraint as a wicked, calamitous thing. It operates only to the advantage of the few, and those just the few who could best dispense with its munificence. During the war it has in Europe been entirely eliminated in respect of all important services and commodities. People with logical minds want to know why on earth it needs a war to stimulate common-sense. Is it common-sense that Hongkong properties should be sold to aliens, and British subjects rendered homeless? Is it even common justice? The average man, who is a surprisingly sagacious animal, says "No!" in answer to both questions. We all know what No-Wanchee-Botherdom says. Just precisely what it does, which is nothing. But it is always granted to sanguine souls to hope for miracles.

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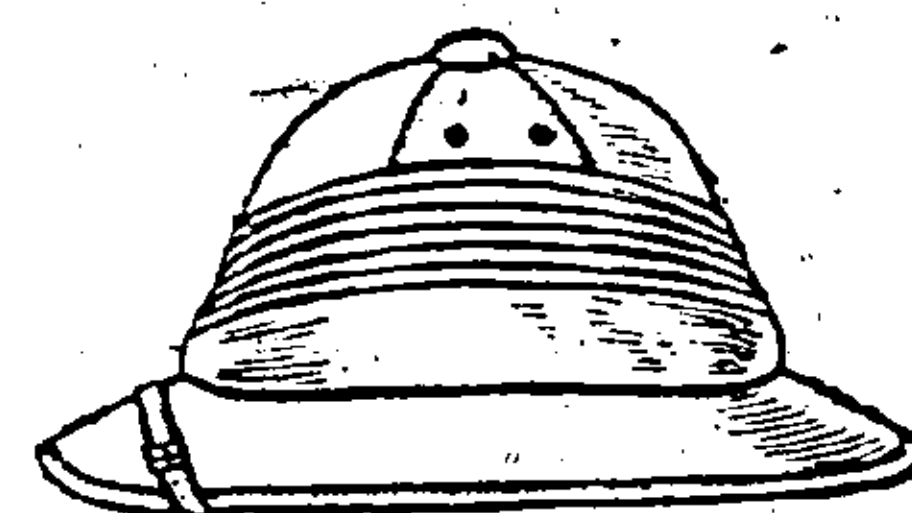
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officer, Wuchang. Mr. D. J.
Leiper, chief officer, Luenyi, is
deceased. Mr. A. W. Macgregor,
second engineer, Tungchow, has
gone supernumerary second en-
gineer, Tean. Mr. T. Handerson,
chief engineer, Wenchow, is on
reserve. Mr. F. K. McIntyre,
from reserve, has gone
chief engineer, Wenchow. Mr.
W. G. Ramsay, from reserve, has
gone second engineer, Yingchow.
Mr. H. W. Thomson, second
engineer, Sinkiang, has gone
second engineer, Shengkang.
Mr. A. E. Campbell, second
engineer, Ningpo, has gone
second engineer, Sinkiang. Mr.
J. Roxburg, second engineer,
Shengkang, is on reserve. Mr.
A. Knowles, third engineer,
Ningpo, has gone acting second
engineer same ship. Mr. C. Tilburn
has been appointed third en-
gineer, Ningpo. Captain W. F.
Bichard, of the Taisang, has gone
master, Choyang. Captain
F. C. Purkins, of the
Choyang, has gone master,
Taisang. Mr. A. McNay
has been appointed supernumerary
third engineer, Loongwo.
Captain W. B. A. Wilks, of the
Tehsing, has resigned. Captain
W. B. Pator, has been appointed
master, Tehsing. Mr. J. Bettison,
from reserve, has gone chief
officer, Anlan.

THE PROPOSED JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMBINE.

In connection with the proposed
Japanese-American shipping
combine, the shipowners in-
terested assembled recently
at the Oriental Hotel, Kobe,
where further consultations
regarding the scheme were made.
Messrs. Asano, Uchida, Matsuk-
ata, Kaneko, Yamashita, Katsuda,
Kawachi, and the representatives
of the Toyozaki Kobe Branch,
the Shipping Departments of
the Mitsui and Mitsubishi, the
Taisho Kisen, the Hashimoto
Zosen and the Nitta Kisen were
present. Mr. Kaneko, after a con-
gratulatory address, stated that
he had no ships to offer, but he
would be happy to join on a cash
basis. Mr. Kaneko further stated
that if his intention were accepted
he would join with his contem-
poraries and do his best for the
success of the scheme. Mr. Uchida
Kakichi explained the proposed
amalgamation of the unsubsidized
ships. He outlined three ways
of forming a shipping combine.
The first was for Japanese and
American shipowners to subscribe
equally—a plan which would be
found very difficult. The second
was to establish two steamship
companies, one in America and
one in Japan, to co-operate for
mutual advantage. The third
plan was for common manage-
ment but separate financial
interest. Mr. Asano said
that it was not pro-
posed permanently to confine the
activities of the company to the
European, Russian, and South
American runs, but for the pre-
sent a limited programme, in ac-
cordance with their capacity for
maintaining regular service, must
be adopted. The Japan-Ameri-
can run would always be their
principal run. Mr. Asano denied
the rumour that old ships
would not be accepted for the
combine, such a rule would
benefit shipbuilders only. Al-
though in this second meeting no
concrete agreement was reached
regarding the combine, the Japa-
nese representatives at any rate
intend to establish a company
with the capital of ¥100,000,000
and will negotiate further with
the American shipowners to re-
alise the scheme. It is reported
by the Osaka Asahi that the fact
that Americans are inclined to
this undertaking is clearly
to be seen from the statement
of Mr. Uchida and from Mr.
Vanderlip, of the National
City Bank, having proposed
to invest another ¥100,000,000
and dispatched investigation
committees to Japan. These
committees are said to have
visited Messrs. Suzuki on the 14th
instant, with an introduction from
Baron Shibusawa. It will be re-
membered that the shipowners
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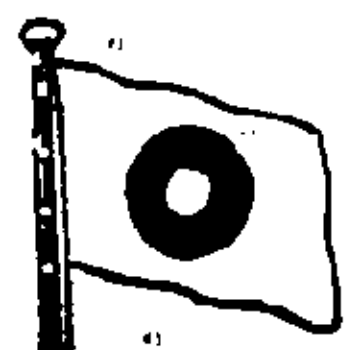
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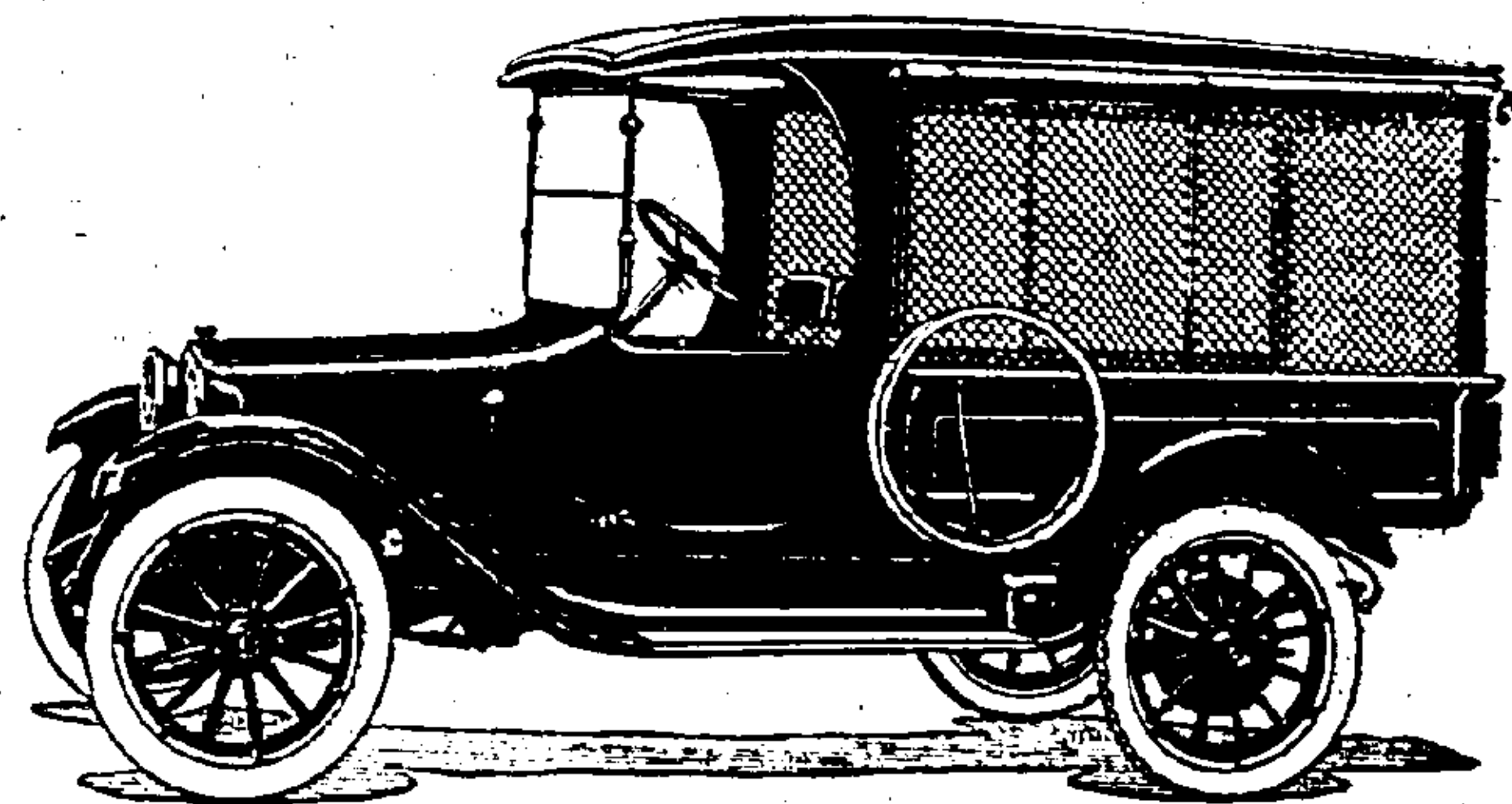
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GASOLINE PRODUCTION IN U. S.

Washington, March 16.

The production of gasoline in the United States in 1918 totalled 85,000,000 barrels, compared with 68,000,000 barrels in the previous year, and 50,000,000 in 1916.—*American Wireless.*

LEAGUE OF NATIONS COVENANT AMENDMENTS.

Paris, March 27.

During a three-hour session, the League of Nations Commission considered the proposed amendments to the Covenant and disposed tentatively of the first 16 sections and changed four, which the members of the Commission claim will meet more than 50 per cent. of the objections offered by the American Senators.

The entire Covenant, when the amendments are agreed upon by the Commission, will be submitted to the Drafting Commission, which will put it into a more definite legal form before submission to the Supreme Council.

An official statement says that at Monday night's session of the League of Nations Commission, the Commission considered amendments to Articles IX. and XIV., so that two-thirds of the draft Covenant have now been examined.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday.—*American Wireless.*

U. S. CANCEL AIRCRAFT CONTRACTS.

Washington, March 27.

The War Department announces that nearly half-a-billion aircraft contracts had been abandoned up to March 19.—*American Wireless.*

U. S. NAVAL PARTY REACH PARIS.

Paris, March 27.

The United States Secretary of the Navy, Mr. J. Daniels, and party arrived here on Tuesday morning.—*American Wireless.*

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant, state:—

STRENGTH.

No. 998 Pte. C. R. Melling was enrolled on 21.3.19, and posted to Machine Gun Company. Reference Administrative Order No. 1 dated 21.3.19, the resignation of Pte. D. T. Wood, "A" Company, is withdrawn.

EXAMINATION FOR PROMOTION. Reference Corps Order No. 5 dated 10.1.19, a lecture will be given by the Adjutant at Headquarters on Wednesday, 2nd April, at 6.00 p.m.

LEAVE.

Captain W. Murray Scott, is granted leave from 1.1.19 to 7.5.19. Sergeant A. Charlton, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' extension of leave from 5.3.18. Corp. T. F. O'Sullivan, Eng. Coy., (attached to H. K. Police), is granted 9 months' leave from 22.3.19. Pte. C. Sara, "A" Coy., is granted 9 months' leave, to date from 7.5.19. Pte. C. A. M. Smith, "B" Coy., is granted one year's leave, to date from 18.4.19. Pte. John W. Taylor, Mounted Section, is granted 7 months' leave from 27.3.19. Pte. D. W. Tratman, "A" Coy., is granted 9 months' leave from 1.6.19. Pte. E. A. Irving, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave from 29.3.19. Pte. W. G. Baker, "B" Coy., is granted 3 months' leave from 28.3.19. Pte. E. H. Sharp, "D" Coy., is granted 9 months' leave to date from day of departure.

ARTILLERY ORDERS.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D., state:—

Annual Musketry Course.—Sunday, 30th March, 9.30 a.m. at King's Park Range, Kowloon. The following N.C.O. and men will attend (uniform with rifle, belt and submachine):—Right Half Company—Gunnery Sergeant, Ellis, Hardy, Roche and Tatam. Left Half Company—Corpl. Bassford and Gunnery Millar, Lee, Forbes, Singer and Cornack.

ENGINEER ORDERS.

Order for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell state:—

Practice Run D. E. L. N. O. & Sappers as detailed by the U.S.M. will parade for a practice run at Lyceum, at 8.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 1st April. Officer on duty: Lieut. Templeton.

Instructional Classes for Recruits.—Recruits will attend for instruction under R. E. Staff Sergeants at West Fort, Kowloon, at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2nd.

Musketry.—Those who have not yet fired their Musketry Course will attend at King's Park Range at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, 29th instant. Range Officers, Lieuts. Hall and Brown. With reference to Administrative Order No. 81/4 of 14.2.19, members of the Engineer Coy. who (1) having attained the age of 55 years desire to be discharged, (2) having passed their 46th birthday wish to be excused from all parades, (3) having passed their 41st birthday desire to be excused D. E. L. Practices are requested to notify the C. S. M. Engineer Coy. Office, H. K. D. C. Headquarters in writing as early as possible.

INFANTRY ORDERS. Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:— "A" COMPANY, NO. 2 PLATOON. Tuesday, 8th April.—5.15 p.m. at Headquarters. T. E. T. for N. C. Os. the following will attend:—Sergt. Humphreys, Corp. Walker and MacKichan, 2nd Corp. Brown.

T. E. T. Parades will be held on subsequent Tuesdays for men of this unit. Further orders will be issued.

MOUNTED SECTION. Monday, 31st March.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, Drill order.

SIGNALING SECTION. Tuesday, 1st April.—5.15 p.m. At Headquarters. T. E. T.—Rifles, belts, pouches and dummy cartridges to be carried.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. G.R.C.

To be played at Causeway Bay at 2.15 p.m. on 29th March. The following have been selected to represent Kowloon:—J. P. Robinson, D. M. Goodall, K. R. Makaskill, C. J. Stapleton, A. de Souza, T. M. Cochrane, H. Overy, R. Pestonji, L. J. Blackburn, H. H. Taylor and L. J. A. Halpin.

COMPANY MEETING.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

An extraordinary meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., to-day at noon, for the purpose of confirming resolutions passed at an extraordinary general meeting, held on March 7.

The Hon. Mr. D. Landale presided, and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. A. J. David (Directors), Mr. W. S. Brown (Secretary), Messrs. C. W. Beswick, C.K.W. Kow, C. B. Buyers and A. E. Crappell.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—This meeting has been convened for the purpose of confirming the Special Resolutions which were passed at the meeting on the 7th of March, 1919, and to pass the Extraordinary Resolution you have just heard read to you by the Secretary, which is necessary to give effect to the Resolutions passed under paragraph (1) of the new Article 101A. I will first propose that the Special Resolutions which have just been read to you by the Secretary, and which were passed at the meeting on the 7th inst., be confirmed.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman said:—I now beg to propose that the Extraordinary Resolution which you have just heard read to you by the Secretary be passed.

The Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman said:—That is all the business, gentlemen; the date on which the Board decide to distribute the new shares will be advertised shortly.

THIEF CAUGHT.

STOLE KODAK AND GRAMAPHONE.

The shady history of a very energetic thief was revealed at the Police Court to-day when Quarter-master Sergt. Wilson, R. E. Wellington Barracks, and Mr. D. Tolan, residing at No. 19, Wong-nei-chong Road, brought two charges of theft against him.

Sergt. Wilson said that one day last month the thief came to him at the Barracks with a bill from Mee Cheung, and displayed a great interest in a Kodak which was lying near by. A few days later, the Sergeant missed it, and on a supposition that the thief might very likely attempt to sell it at Mee Cheung's, he notified the latter. It happened that one day in Race Week the thief went to the photographer, and offering to sell it, was given \$15, and told to come again for the balance. The thief was, however, too cunning to be so indiscreet as to return. He disappeared and nothing more was heard of him until a few days ago, when he was arrested after stealing a gramophone from Mr. Tolan's house.

From the account of a shopkeeper at Upper Lascar Row, it appears that the thief brought the machine to the shop to have it repaired but later changed his mind and sold it for \$6.

The Police produced the thief's record which showed that he had been convicted of a theft committed at Canton, and banished from the Colony for five years. The thief's activities, it was stated, extended to the Seamen's Institute and St. George's House, where he was seen wandering about inside the rooms. The Magistrate, after observing that the thief had a funny way of wandering about, sentenced him to eight months' hard labour on two charges, with an additional three months for returning from banishment.

PUBLIC SCHOOL REFORM.

The attitude that discounts intellect and places physical attainment on a pedestal was the chief cause of complaint about our public schools made by Mr. Alec Waugh in a lecture at the Folian Hall recently. No human system, he said, was incapable of improvement, but if the public schools were overhauled by the wrong sort of people he believed it would be an irreparable disaster to posterity.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—BUYERS;
N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.

H. K. & S. Banks b. \$730

MARINE INSURANCES.

Cantons b. \$410
North China b. \$123 1/2
Union b. \$1040
Yangtze b. \$245
Far Eastern b. \$136

FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires b. \$173
H. K. Fires b. \$355

SHIPPING.

Douglases b. 91
Steamboats b. 23 1/2
Indos (Pref.) b. \$32
Indos (Def.) b. \$158
Shells b. 160 1/2
Ferries b. \$36 1/2

REFINERIES.

Sugars b. \$121 1/2
Malabon b. \$34

MINING.

Kailans b. 50/-
Langkats b. \$24 1/2
Rauks b. 3
Ternahs b. 37 1/2
Urals b. 40/-

DOCKS, WHARVES,

GODOWNS, & C.

H. K. Wharves b. \$130/21
K. Docks b. \$16 1/2
Shai Docks b. \$183 1/2
N. Engineering b. ex div. \$22

LANDS, HOTELS

AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals b. \$106
H. K. Hotels b. \$91
Land Invest. b. & sa. \$154
H. K. Estates b. \$73
K'loon Lands b. \$34
L. Reclamations b. \$175
West Points b. \$69

COTTON MILLS.

Ewos b. \$240
Kung Yiks b. \$24 sa. 24 1/2
Lau Kung Mows b. \$154
Orientals b. \$70
Shai Cottons b. \$130
Yangtzepeos b. \$11

MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands b. \$8
Borneos b. \$13.20
C. Light & P. b. cum rights \$54
Providents b. \$83
Dairy Farms b. \$284
H. K. Electrics b. \$76 1/2
Macao Electrics b. \$33 1/2
Ropes b. \$81
Trams, Low Level b. \$7.85
Trams, Peak, old b. \$74
Trams, Peak, new b. cts. 76
Laundries b. \$8.60
Steel Foundries b. \$18
U. Waterboats b. \$13 1/2
Watsons b. \$6.15
Wm. Powells b. \$11 1/2
Wiseman's b. \$38

Hongkong, March 28, 1919.

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Mothers everywhere are finding Baby's Own Tablets, the Canadian children's remedy, immensely valuable for their little ones. Here is what one American mother says:—

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

LESSONS IN CHINESE

MR. LI HON FAN, a Chinese graduate from the University of London, has been a member of the European Official and Merchants in this Colony for many years. He has a good method of training Europeans to pass in the Chinese examination, and in a period of a few months certifies as a fluent speaker. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka. Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write to Mr. Li Hon Fan, Telegraph Office or direct to No. 128 Wellington Street, first floor and to Messrs. Ribeiro and Silva, Old Supreme Court, Ground floor.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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Double brass & single iron bedsteads, teak single & double wardrobes with bevelled mirrors, dressing table & marble top washstand, mahoganywood chest of drawers, toilet crockery, glassware, etc., etc.

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KING AND SEA SCOUTS. The Sea Scouts have received messages of congratulation from the King, the Admiralty, and from Admiral Beatty on their fine work during the war. Over 25,000 boys have given their services. They have done valuable work in detecting wrecks, helping Coastguards, and by their warning signals preventing many casualties among shipping around the coast.

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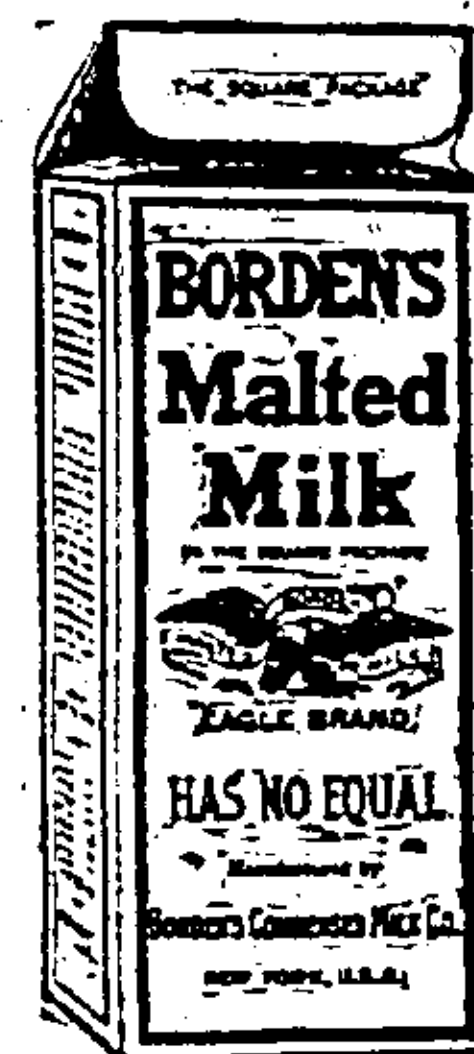
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THE "WAR SNIPER."

LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON.

There was a representative muster last evening at Kowloon to witness the launching of the ss. War Sniper, built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Launches conveyed the guests to the Docks from Blake Pier. Amongst those present at the ceremony were the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., (Officer Administering the Government), Sir William Rees Davies, Com-modore and Mrs. Gurner, Major-General Ventris, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. Mr. David Landale, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. Justice Melbourne, Colonel Young, Major Macdonald, Major Hammond, Captain S. Smith, Messrs. R. M. Dyer, A. S. D. Couland, G. Morton Smith, C. W. Bewick, J. Reid, K. E. Greig and others.

Mrs. Gurner, "the representative of the Navy," (quoting Mr. Dodwell) set the vessel on her career by cutting the rope, at the same time wishing her God-speed. Like a dignified lady of the seas, the War Sniper took to the water most gracefully.

After the launching, the gathering assembled to drink health to the new vessel.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell gave the toast of the War Sniper, saying: "Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, not so very long ago a launching in the Colony was regarded as a great event, and an event marking another step in the industrial progress of the Colony. To-day we are getting to look upon them as more or less common occurrences, and by the end of this year you will have had so many that I fear it may be as difficult for us to get a representative gathering together at these functions as for the chairman to think of something fresh to say to you. (Laughter). As a matter of fact this event does mark one more step in the progress of the Dock Company in that the War Sniper is by far the largest vessel we have launched from this yard. She is 400 feet in length and 8,000 tons d.w., and her speed will be eleven knots. Those of you who were present on the third anniversary of the war at the Dock Company's launch then held, when the future for us was looking rather ominous owing to the difficulty of obtaining steel, will remember I expressed confidence of the ability of the United States to help us out. Our hopes were fully realised and the War Drummer and the War Sniper are all built of American steel; four other 8,000 ton vessels coming along will be built of American steel and one of 8,000 tons of British steel. I trust that the co-operation with our Allies, the United States, and the hundred and one ways in which we have worked together during the war may be the forerunners of friendly commercial co-operation between the two nations in the future—(applause)—expanding and developing the trade opportunities in the vast field which lies at our door, not only to our mutual benefit but also to the very great benefit of China herself. (Applause). Of course as far as steel is concerned in the future we may be independent both of the United States of America and Great Britain. The sceptical amongst you will say it is a dream far too good to ever come true. Well, there have been many dreams during the last few years which have seemed too good to come true and which have come true. Sir Paul Chater alluded to this in his speech when he addressed you at the launching of the War Drummer. The sceptical will say that Sir Paul is a great optimist, and so, thank God, he is, to the very great advantage of the Colony in the past and probably in the future. (Hear, hear). There are many difficulties to be surmounted, but winning the war has removed some of them; and I can assure you that no stone will be left unturned to remove the others and so bring about what will prove of incalculable value to the industrial prosperity of the Colony. Before asking you to drink prosperity to the War

Sniper, I would like to heartily thank Mrs. Gurner for so kindly and ably performing the christening ceremony. It is indeed fitting that a representative of the Navy should start this fine merchant steamer on her career, because the Navy is the godfather and the godmother of the mercantile marine—the two services, which without flourish of trumpets have done so much, and without whose help the army could never have dealt the crushing final blow to our enemies. I have great pleasure in presenting her with a gold bag as a souvenir of the occasion. I will ask you to join me in drinking prosperity and long life to the War Sniper and her owner—her owners—because whoever they may be they are at present you and I as representatives of the British nation. (Applause).

The toast was heartily received and following this Mrs. Gurner said:—Mr. Dodwell, Ladies and Gentlemen—It has been a moment of intense interest to me to be allowed to send forth the good ship War Sniper on her ocean life. Since Lady May launched the War Drummer we have won the Great War and there is no need, mercifully, for us to think of the War Sniper taking part in the cruel strife which was raging in August. Her future—may it be only spent in speeding the commercial life of the Empire, may she in her business excel as did her namesake in his, may her life on the great waters be prosperous, peaceful and happy. Mr. Dyer and staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company you are to be congratulated on your great achievement, in having built one of the largest ships ever laid down in the Colony. May she be a forerunner of even larger ships, to be built by you in the years to come. (Applause).

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government said: I rise to propose success to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company in all their work in the future and I can only say I hope the day is not far distant when we shall accept their kind hospitality at a launching and instead of turning to the left we shall turn to the right and reach the point at which 500 or 700 feet ships will be launched. I ask you to drink prosperity to the Dock Company, coupled with the name of Mr. Dyer.

Responding Mr. Dyer said: I thank you very much for the kind way in which you have responded to the toast of the Dock Company. The ship represents the result of several years' work—not in construction. Some of you have been fighting battles in Flanders and in the North Sea, but the biggest battle shipbuilders have had out here has been to convince the Controller of Shipping and other people at Home that we can build ships in Hongkong. I think I can honestly say that we have shown that we can build ships and I trust this will be the forerunner of many such gatherings.

DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL.
The War Sniper is of the B class Standard type, built to the order of the Controller of Shipping, London, and to Lloyd's highest class 100 A.1. under special survey of their local representative, Mr. J. Lambert.

The dimensions of the vessel are as follows:—
Length over all 412'0"
Length between perpendiculars 400'0"
Breadth moulded 52'0"
Depth moulded 31'0"
There are two steel decks, the second deck 9 feet below the upper deck; and a poop, bridge, and forecastle, 8 feet high, having lengths of 49 feet, 112 feet and 39 feet respectively.

Water ballast will be carried in both peak tanks, and oil or water ballast in the cellular double bottom which extends all fore and aft.

Seven watertight bulkheads are carried to the upper deck, forming four large cargo holds and 'tween deck spaces, and a reserve bunker forward of the engine and boiler room, the latter being amidships.

The arrangements for loading and discharging of cargo are up-to-date in every detail. The hatches are 26 feet in width and 30 feet to 35 feet in length. Double derricks in twin posts are fitted, each derrick being operated by a 7" x 12" steam winch.

FOOTBALL.

THE LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions of the Clubs up to and including all matches played on Saturday last, the 22nd inst., are as follow—

HONGKONG LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Clubs.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against	Points
Navy	7	5	1	1	19	8	11
H. K. Club	7	5	2	0	12	4	10
R. E.	6	3	1	3	13	6	8
R. G. A.	5	1	2	2	3	8	3
S. C. A.	7	0	5	2	6	17	2

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

Clubs.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against	Points
Navy	6	5	0	1	12	0	11
R. E.	6	4	2	2	12	9	8
H. K. Club	6	2	2	2	7	6	6
S. C. A.	6	0	3	3	1	11	3
R. G. A.	6	1	5	0	5	11	2

HONGKONG LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Clubs.	P.	W.	L.	D.	For	Against	Points
St. Joseph's	11	10	0	1	33	5	21
Staffs	12	6	1	4	17	6	17
Navy Res.	13	6	3	4	30	12	16
88th Coy.	13	6	6	1	13	13	13
Kowloon	12	5	5	2	16	12	12
S. C. A.	12	3	6	3	10	20	9
83rd Coy.	11	4	6	1	11	12	9
88th Coy.	14	0	13	1	2	10	1

Efficiently ventilated and light accommodation is provided, the crew being berthed in the poop, and the Captain and Officers on the bridge.

The vessel is electrically lighted, the dynamo being of 10 k.w. and the Marconi installation of 112 k.w.

Steam steering gear, fitted in the bridge house, is controlled from the navigating bridge.

During steam trials a total deadweight of 8,000 tons will be carried, when it is anticipated that a mean speed of 11 knots will be maintained.

The vessel will be propelled by one set of triple expansion surface condensing engines driving through a line of forged steel shafting a cast-iron propeller.

The dimensions of the cylinders are h.p. 27" diameter, i.p. 44" diameter, l.p. 73" diameter each with a stroke of 48".

Steam is generated in three single ended boilers 15' 6" internal diameter by 11' 6" mean length constructed to Lloyd's requirements for a working pressure of 180 lbs. per square inch and working under Howden's system of forced draught with closed ashpit and heated air.

No donkey boiler is provided in these vessels, steam, for auxiliaries in engine room, and for windlases, winches, etc., on deck being supplied from main boilers.

The auxiliary machinery consists of one Weir feed pump, one Weir general donkey pump and one Weir ballast pump of the simplex type. The feed water for the boilers is filtered and heated by a special arrangement in the air pump hotwell. Cooling water for the condenser for the main engines is supplied by an independent steam driven centrifugal circulating pump. This pump is fitted with a bilging connection 12" bore which would enable the full capacity of the pump to be utilised in the event of the vessel being flooded from any cause.

An evaporator capable of producing 25 tons of fresh water per 24 hours. A winch condenser of the non-vacuum type is fitted in engine room complete with all connections for dealing with the exhaust steam from deck winches.

The air supply for the forced draught system is obtained from a Howden fan driven by an independent steam engine situated in engine room, and with a steam driven dynamo for supplying the necessary electric light, completes the list of auxiliary machinery in engine room.

In the stokehold a double cylinder steam driven ash hoist is fitted with suitable gear for removing the ashes from the stokehold.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders issued by Mr. E. Ralphs state—

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government will present a Motor Ambulance to the Brigade, on behalf of the Hongkong Automobile Association, on Tuesday, 1st April, 6 p.m., at Government House. Nursing Pendants, Bars, Medallions and Certificates will be presented at the same time to certain Members of the Detachments mentioned below.

Members of the No. 1 V. A. D. Lady May's Division and of the Victoria Nursing Division are requested to attend at Government House not later than 5.50 p.m. Uniform. Indoor Uniform to be worn. Members of the Men's Divisions fall fall in at Queen's College at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Helmets, shorts, puttees, haversacks, waterbottles.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.)

THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

Sir,—As representatives in Hongkong of the Estate of the late Mr. E. R. Bellios C.M.G. and at the request of Mr. R. E. Bellios, we wish to emphatically deny that there is any truth in the so-called very strong rumour suggested by "Distracted" in his letter which appeared in your issue of 26th inst. regarding the sale of the Bellios Terrace property.

Such a sale never was nor is in contemplation.

Yours etc.,

LINSTEAD & DAVIS
Hongkong, Mar. 27, 1919.

Sir,—Here I am again, Mr. Editor, to ask you to allow me just a few lines in your valuable paper in regard the Housing problem, as mentioned by "Distracted." As an outsider I may not have much to say, but as a pro-Britisher I may have the right to have my say in a question, which, after all, besides being a burning question for Britishers, is at the same time of concern to all Europeans. By hard fighting we have succeeded in putting out a very dangerous guest; you know what I mean. Strange that you let one go and you allow another to come. Was the Great War not a good lesson?

I certainly do not blame the Japanese for buying all that they can 'they certainly have made good money during the War) but I certainly blame the few people who have control of the Colony, and do not protect their own subjects but let any one come in and do as they like. Will you please, Mr. Editor, ask these gentlemen to go to Japan and try to buy land or houses? We all know how the Europeans are treated there.

So far I can see there is only one way to settle once and for all the housing problem—to write to the Foreign Minister at Home, and have a clean change of tenants and have instead people who will look after and protect the interests of their own subjects. Did not President Wilson say, "We are servants of the people?" In Hongkong it looks like the reverse.

Enclosing my Card,

Yours etc.,

DISGUSTED.

Canton, Mar. 27, 1919.

GYMKHANA CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR FIRST MEETING.

Below is a list of entries for the first Gymkhana Meeting to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday 5th April.

Half-mile.—Dalesman, Morning Star, Wedding Bells, Second Fiddle, Cassius, Excelsior, Hector. Gymkhana Stakes.—Grey-mouse, Swallow, Vivat, Malcolm, Alexander, Pink Eye, Weihai Chief, Salamander, Burning Daylight, Regularity, Dahlia, Bend Or, Maybe, Dusky, Victory Star, Tytam Chief, Viola (late Burst Length), Lovejoy (late American Chief).

The Class Handicap.—Grey-mouse, Swallow, Vivat, Mountain Ford (late Vesuvius Dahlia), Flyford (late Firefly) Pink Eye, Grouse, Rochester (late Seyhoun), Weihai Chief, Regularity, Dahlia, Bend Or, Victory Star, Rheostat, Lovejoy (late American Chief), Juxer (late Moonlight), Wedding Bells, Viola (late Burst Length), Second Fiddle, Meymoon, King John, Tytam Chief, Alexander, Burning Daylight, Starlight, Dusky, Smokebox, Cassius, Malcolm, Maybe, Excelsior.

One Mile.—Swallow, Flyford (late Firefly), Dalesman, Victory Star, Rheostat, Morning Star, Starlight, Smokebox, Viola (late Burst Length), Juxer (late Moonlight), Hector.

1½ Mile Handicap.—Grey-mouse, Swallow, Vivat, Mountain Ford (late Vesuvius Dahlia), Pink Eye, Rochester (late Seyhoun), Weihai Chief, Regularity, Dahlia, Bend Or, Tytam Chief, Alexander, Burning Daylight, Dusky, Malcolm, Maybe, Lovejoy (late American Chief).

Handicaps and particulars of "Bumble Puppy" event (i.e. Race 4) will be advised later.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. MR. DOWDING.

There was a large attendance of sporting members of the Kowloon Cricket Club last evening, in the Pavilion of the Club, upon the occasion of the presentation to the Rev. A. T. W. Dowding, M.A. (who is resigning Membership of the Club upon leaving the Colony) of a silver cigarette case, a blackwood tray, inlaid with silver and a silver tea service. Dr. Forsyth, President of the Club, in making the presentation, said that it was one of the little pleasant duties of the President of the Club when they were able at times to show the appreciation of members to a member leaving. Mr. Dowding had only been with them a very short time and if they gave him the lovely table set after so short a membership, what would they give to some of the older members such as Mr. Robinson and Mr. Harvey? The little presentation had been got up at very short notice and when he (the speaker) was asked to come along and make the presentation he had no idea it was going to be such a formal affair. It had been got up very quickly because they were not sure of the exact date of Mr. Dowding's departure. During the short time he had been amongst them he had endeared himself to all the members and they wished him a safe journey and all prosperity for the future. (Applause).

Mr. Dowding suitably replied in a few well chosen words, saying that no doubt he could take home the present to his wife as a sort of peace offering for returning home so soon—(Laughter). He felt rather like a man who had robbed his brother, since he had been there such a short time, and what was happening he did not expect even in his most wildest moments and he did not know how to express his appreciation of their great kindness. He had gone down to the Club sometimes feeling fed up with life, but had gone away feeling much more like electricity. The Kowloon Cricket

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Booking will open at MOUTRIE'S

on SATURDAY, 29th inst.

Club not only meant a Club to him; it meant good fellowship, and it also meant cheery comradeship. If any of the members ever found themselves in the vicinity of Bath, he hoped they would look into his little shed and he would receive them with open arms. He wished them all well. Lots of nice things had been said about him and he liked to have something to take home to show his friends that it was not camouflage. He thanked them very much indeed and he hoped they would now drink everybody's health at his expense. (Applause).

On the tray of the tea service was a silver plate inscribed "Presented to A. T. W. Dowding, M.A. by a few well-wishers of the Kowloon Cricket Club, March 1919." The same inscription was also engraved on the cigarette case.

LAWN TENNIS.

EX-CHAMPION BEATEN.

Only two matches were played in the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament last evening, but one of these provided a big surprise, S.E. Green (a former Champion), being defeated in the Singles Championship by N.E. Kent. The match went the full five sets, and Kent won, as a result of steady, consistent play, but three sets to two and 22 games to 20. The details were 2-6, 7-5, 6-2, 1-6 and 6-1.

In the Handicap Singles, "A" Class, A. Morris (recc. 3/6) defeated A.B. Raworth (recc. 1/6) by 6-2, 6-1.

OVERLAND
ELGIN

DRAGON MOTOR CAR CO., HUDSON

A NEW SHIPMENT OF CHANDLER, ELGIN & OVERLAND CARS

IS TO HAND.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS CORDIALLY INVITED TO INSPECT.

NEW STOCKS OF STERLING TYRES HAVE ARRIVED.

CARS FOR HIRE

CHANDLER

TO-DAY'S NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at the registered office of the Society, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 12 o'clock noon, when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions.

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Society as existing when this resolution is passed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £2,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each.
2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Society of the nominal value of £20 each with the sum of \$100 paid up thereon be converted into five shares of the nominal value of £10 each with the sterling equivalent of \$100 Hongkong currency at the opening rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 20,000 shares out of 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £10 each constituting the capital of the Society so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Society on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—

By the insertion after Article No. 107 of the following Article.

EMPLOYMENT OF RESERVE FUNDS.

107. (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Society which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 107 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repaying, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Society, or otherwise in the business of the Society, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Society and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 106.

BONUS MAY BE SET OFF AGAINST CALL.

- 106a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such share as shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 18, 20 and 21 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Society and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.
- (2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article, the Board may arrange on behalf of the Society for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Society providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.
- (3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 107 and 106a was confirmed as a special resolution provided that notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR DIVIDENDS PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

106. (b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1919, at 5 o'clock p.m., when the proposed resolutions will be proposed as extraordinary resolutions.

1. That the nominal silver capital of the Company as existing when this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution be converted into sterling and that such capital so converted be increased beyond the sterling equivalent of such silver capital when such conversion takes place to the sum of £1,000,000 Sterling divided into 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £5 each.
2. That each of the issued silver shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$83.33 each with the sum of \$25.00 paid up thereon be converted into three shares and two-fifths of one share of the nominal value of £5 each with the sterling equivalent of \$7.33 Hongkong currency at the opening rate of exchange on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution credited as paid up thereon and accordingly that 31,600 shares out of the 200,000 shares of the nominal value of £5 each constituting the capital of the Company so converted and increased be distributed by the Board to the persons who are registered as shareholders of the Company on the date this resolution is confirmed as a special resolution in exchange for the silver shares then held by them.
3. That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, namely:—

By the insertion after Article No. 106 of the following Article.

EMPLOYMENT OF RESERVE FUNDS.

106. (a). The Board may employ the funds of the Company which have been established pursuant to the provisions of Article 106 or any of them or any portion thereof (and that whether such funds or such portion as is proposed to be dealt with were set aside for the special purpose to which they are proposed to be applied or for any other purpose or not) in or for all or any of the following purposes, that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalizing dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repaying, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, or otherwise in the business of the Company, and in or for such other purposes as the Board shall in its discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company and in regard to any such employment as aforesaid the Board shall not be bound to keep such funds separate from the other assets.

By the insertion of the following Articles after Article No. 107.

BONUS MAY BE SET OFF AGAINST CALL.

- 107a. (1). Any general meeting at which a dividend or bonus is declared or sanctioned may make a call on the members of such share as shall not exceed the dividend or bonus payable to him and so that notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 18, 19 and 20 the call may be payable at the same time as the dividend or bonus and the dividend or bonus may, if so arranged between the Company and the member, be set off against the call. The making of a call under this Article shall be deemed ordinary business of an ordinary general meeting which declares a dividend.
- (2). After any resolution has been passed under the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Article the Board may arrange on behalf of the Company for the dividend or bonus to be set off against the call by authorizing any person on behalf of the members from whom such call is due to enter into an Agreement with the Company providing for such dividend or bonus to be set off against such call and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.
- (3). It shall be no objection to any resolution made under paragraph (1) of this article or to any call or arrangement that such resolution was passed or such call or arrangement was made at the meeting at which the resolution introducing this Article and Articles 106(a) and 107a was confirmed as a special resolution provided that notice of the intention to propose such first mentioned resolution and to declare such dividend or bonus and to make such call shall have been given prior to the Confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR DIVIDENDS PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

107. (b). Dividends may be paid in Hongkong Currency at such rate of exchange as the General Meeting declaring or sanctioning the same or, in the case of interim dividends, as the Board may determine.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a second extraordinary meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 25th day of March, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From UNITED KINGDOM
COLOMBO, & STRAITS.

THE Motorship-

"GLENGYLE"

having arrived from above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at the risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 31st March 1919, at 5 P.M. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, 31st March 1919, at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented in within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1919.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

s.s. "BENRINNES."

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 7th April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1919

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Co's Steamer

"TELAMON"

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 27th March.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 16th April, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1919.

TIDE TABLE.

From 24th Mar. to 30th Mar.

Day	Time	High Water	Low Water
24	10.15	10.15	10.15
25	10.15	10.15	10.15
26	10.15	10.15	10.15
27	10.15	10.15	10.15
28	10.15	10.15	10.15
29	10.15	10.15	10.15
30	10.15	10.15	10.15

in morning, & afternoon.

TO-NIGHT
9.15 p.m.

TO-NIGHT
9.15 p.m.

CHAPLIN

Still handing those swift ones to the KAISER

in

"SHOULDER ARMS"

His Second Million Dollar Picture.

Everybody has heard about it, so the picture doesn't need any more description.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—

Dress Circle \$1.50

Stalls \$1.00

Pit 70c.

Booking at ANDERSON'S

See the Home Papers:

Since the release of "Shoulder Arms" the picture is still being shown in London.

See the Local papers:

8 consecutive nights at the Apollo, Shanghai.

15 consecutive nights at the Lyric, Manila.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LABOUR UNREST.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

London, March 20.

It was announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Thomas that he regarded the railway situation as very serious.

The members of the Consultative Committee of the Labour Triple Alliance conferred till late last night. The Coal Commission also met to prepare its report which was unfinished late last night. It should be in the hands of the Government to-day and will be submitted to the Miners' Conference to-morrow. It is anticipated there will be more than one report and that the Chairman's report will be confined to hours and wages, not dealing with nationalization while admitting that case has been shown for fundamental reorganization of industry, an advance of wages and reduction of hours. Mr. Thomas on his return from France conferred with his Executive and subsequently with the members of the Railway Executive. Negotiations with the two Executives will be resumed to-day.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law stated that the three reports of the Coal Commission had been signed and submitted to His Majesty. He (Mr. Bonar Law) had just received copies. He had summoned the Cabinet this afternoon to deal with them and hoped it would be possible to make a statement to the House to-night.

He stated that the Government had definitely proposed that the wages, including the war bonus of the railway men, should be retained at the present level until the end of 1919, but the men have demanded increases, involving an additional £10,000,000. This is very serious, because some addition to the railway rates is already inevitable under the Transport Bill.

Concluding, he declared that the miners' leaders never before had such opportunity. If they rejected it, it would be the greatest mistake that was ever made by the leaders of a great industry.

He re-emphasized that any strike would be a strike against the State, and not one merely between employees and employers.

THE RAILWAY SITUATION.

London, March 21.

The railwaymen's delegates discussed the Government's offer last night and adjourned till this morning when they will consider their reply. Mr. Thomas at ten in the evening went to the Board of Trade where he conferred with the members of the Railway Executive for an hour. The Executive of the Miners' Federation discussed the Commission's report but declined to make a statement beyond saying that the situation is most serious and the decision rested with the Miners' Conference to-day. Members of the House of Commons in the Lobby expressed appreciation of the impartiality and tactfulness of the Chairman's report and regarded the concessions offered to the miners as the most substantial. The issue is awaited most anxiously.

PEACE FIRST.

Paris, March 21.

Mr. Lloyd George in a statement to journalists said the world needed peace, therefore he is remaining in Paris unless an unexpected development occurred in the industrial situation, because any action on his part delaying peace would prolong the industrial unrest; moreover in face of Mr. Justice Sankey's report it was impossible to conceive the miners taking violent action.

LABOUR PROTESTS.

London, March 21.

The Government has arranged that the House of Commons will sit on Saturday if the Labour position renders it necessary. It has taken steps to organise reserves of food and an extensive employment of motor transport to convey necessities to large centres.

Mr. Bonar Law's warning of strong measures in the event of strike has evoked protests from the Labourite benches.

The newspapers are of the opinion that he would not have spoken so gravely if he believed in the possibility of continued bargaining.

The general view is that the temper of the men, who demand immediate nationalisation, may reject conciliatory counsels. Their leaders and papers unanimously appeal to them to accept the Sankey report, enable the commission to pursue the work which had already substantially benefited them, and not to alienate public sympathy by the blunder of a strike.

The railwaymen have rejected the Government's offer, as cabled yesterday.

THE BOLSHEVIK MENACE.

London, March 20.

Reuter is informed that no official report of the evacuation of Odessa has hitherto been received in London. It is confirmed that the Bolsheviks occupied Kherson and Nicolaiev after heavy fighting with the French troops. The Bolsheviks now hold the whole of Ukraine and the German garrisons there have handed over their arms to the Bolsheviks and fraternised with them.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

RUBBER.

London, January 30.—Messrs. Sanderson and Co. report that the market has again been flat, with an easier tendency, and spot prices declining. Forward positions have been freely dealt in at spot prices for positions as far forward as January-June, 1920. Prices in the East have kept steady, and American orders have been more in evidence; a good business has been done in c. i. f. Pacific, c. i. f. New York, and on godown terms. Freight conditions continue to ease, which encourages forward business and helps the market generally. Home trade orders are still scarce, but manufacturers are beginning to show a little more interest in the market. Landings for week ended Jan. 25, 966 tons; deliveries 326 tons; stock Jan. 25, 14,956 tons, against 11,212 tons in 1918. It is satisfactory that the price in the East (where, owing to freight shortage, the bulk of the selling still takes place) has now adjusted itself until it approximates to the London figure, and this, of course, means more remunerative rates for the producing companies. Though attention has been diverted from other companies during the increased activity in Java coffee producers, there appears to be a general intention on the part of shareholders to see the rubber industry through to the better times which, it is hoped, are not far distant. At present, European countries have not yet granted general licences for the importation of rubber, business still being conducted under war conditions. A change, however, is expected shortly, so that though rubber shareholders are at present experiencing lean times in the matter of dividends, the position is well understood and the market keeps wonderfully firm, while brokers report a great difficulty in obtaining good-class issues in any quantity.

FLOTATION OF U.S. BOND ISSUE.

The U.S. War Financial Corporation is considering floating a bond issue which will probably total \$200,000,000 and be issued in a few weeks, to provide funds for railroads, and to meet the other demands upon the Corporation.



NOTICE.

WISEMAN, LTD.

TEA DANCES

TO-DAY

FRIDAY, March 28th,

D. M. GOODALL, Manager.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

ERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on TUESDAY, the 1st April, 1919 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1918 and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY the 27th March 1919, until TUESDAY the 1st April 1919, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 26th March, 1919.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T Demand	3/2	3/16
60 d/s	3/2	5/16
30 d/s	3/2	7/16
4 m/s	3/2	9/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.	
T/T Singapore	136	
T/T Japan	148 1/2	
T/T India	Nom.	
Demand, India	Nom.	
T/T San Francisco	74 3/4	
co & New York		
T/T Java	183	
T/T Marks	Nom.	
T/T France	434 1/4	
Demand, Paris	435	

BUYING.

4 m/s, L.C.	3/3 1/4
4 m/s, D/E	3/3 1/4
6 m/s, L.C.	3/3 1/2
30 d/s, Sydney and Melbourne	9/3 1/4
30 d/s, San Francisco co & New York	75 3/4
4 m/s, Marks	Nom.
4 m/s, France	452
6 m/s, France	457
Demand, Germany	74 1/2
Demand, New York	Nom.
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	Nom.
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Manila	153 1/4
Demand, Singapore	136
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	48 1/4
Sovereign	620 Nom.
Gold leaf per oz	44 40
Bar Silver, per oz	49 3/16

SUBSIDIARY COINS

DISCOUNT PER \$100:	
H'kong 50 cts sub.	\$1.50% dis.
" 10 "	8 1/2% dis.
" 5 "	\$3.50% dis.
Canton	5% dis.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY, the 9th April, 1919.

commencing at 12 o'clock (noon)

at his Sales Room, Duddell Street,

(For account of the concerned)

The Wreck of the S. S.

Yiamsamud

(3-32 tons nett register)

As she now lies on Alligator Island (near Foochow) with

all anchors, chains, gear and

appurtenances, etc.

Terms: Cash on fall of hammer.

when the wreck will be at

purchasers risk.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fiftieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at noon on Saturday, the 9th instant.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to the 29th instant, both days inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be proposed that, owing to the Consulting Committee being now made up to the maximum number of eight, the remuneration to the Committee be increased from \$7,000 to \$8,000.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD. General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 12th March, 1919.

HONGKONG DOG-CAT-POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW 1919.

A show in connection with the above will be held (by kind permission of the Stewards, Hongkong Jockey Club) within their enclosure, Happy Valley, on Saturday, the 12th April, 1919.

Entry forms containing full particulars may be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. W. GEGG.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, c/o Messrs. Fuzbes & Ho gh.

PEAK TRAMWAYS CO. LTD

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

12.00 a.m. to 2.00 a.m. Every 15 mins

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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY, the 2nd April, 1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at No. 2 Minden Villas, Kowloon

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising:-

Mahogany drawing room suite,

mahogany couch, easy chairs,

desk & bookcase, cherrywood

table, blackwood teapots, console

mirror, marble clock curio, color

prints engravings, pictures,

curtains, carpets etc. etc.

Teak extension dining table &

chairs, teak sideboard & dinner

wagon, teak silver cabinets,

American refrigerator, silver,

community & electro-plated

ware, cutlery, dinner & dessert

services, glassware etc. etc.

American made mahogany iron

bedsteads, double teak & iron

bedsteads, American made

mahogany dresser, single &

double mahogany & teak ward-

robes with bevelled mirrors,

chiffonier with bevelled mirror,

teak dressing table & marble top

washstands etc. etc.

Also

Pantry and Kitchen Requisites

And

1 Victrola with cabinet &

records

1 Electric ceiling fan.

On view from Tuesday, the

1st April.

Catalogue will be issued.

Terms:-Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received

instructions from W. Murray

Scott Esq. to sell by Public

Auction on

MONDAY 31st March, 1919,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at his residence "La Hacienda"

No. 73, The Peak.

The Whole of his Valuable

Household Furniture

comprising:-

Chestfield couch, Tapestry

covered easy corner, Teak writing

desk and bookcase, Teak iron

cabinet, copper fender and coal

scuttle, Electric standard and

table lamps, Pile carpets and

Rugs, Lace, Tapestry and casement

curtains etc. etc.

Teak dining table and chairs

Teak sideboard and dinner

wagon, Sectional bookcase, Oak

smoking cabinet, Teak ice chest,

Screens, Dinner and breakfast

services, Cutlery and Glass ware

etc. etc.

Brass and teak twin bedsteads.

Teak toilet tables with bevelled

mirrors, Marble top washstands,

Teak wardrobe and chest of

drawers, Oak Bedroom suite, Tin

lined box couch, Toilet crockery

etc. etc.

Also

One Tenn's centre net and

boundary net (nearly new)

One Lawn Mower

A Large quantity of Plants in

pots

And

One Cottage Piano by "Collard

& Collard" (in fine condition)

One Japanese safe

On View from Saturday, the

29th inst.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:-Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE HONGKONG & SOUTH

CHINA WAR SAVINGS

ASSOCIATION.

APPLICATION forms for

Membership of the above

Association may be obtained

from all the Banks or from the

undersigned.

THE UNION INSURANCE

SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

Honorary Secretaries &

Treasurers.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1919.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by public Auction on

SATURDAY, the 29th March, 1919,

commencing at 11 a.m.

at the Hongkong & Kowloon

Wharf & Godown Co's Ltd.,

(Kowloon)

A Quantity of Round and

Square Steel Bars, Round Iron

Bars, Steel Plates, Wire Nails,

and Galvanized Wire, as

follows

Round Steel Bars

1" x 18' 2'

164 bundles

Square Steel Bars

2" x 11' 19'

21" x 11' 19'

116 Bars

63 Bars

Round Iron Bars

1" x 14' 2'

1" x 16' 18'

34 bundles 47 bundles 16 bundles

Steel Plates

1" x 3' 6'

5/16" x 4' 6'

11 pieces 13 pieces

5/16" x 4' 8'

1" x 4' 6'

4 pieces 28 pieces

1" x 4' 6'

78 pieces 15 pieces

1" x 4' 8'

5/16" x 4' 12'

12 pieces 45 pieces

1" x 3' 8'

5/16" x 5' 5'

1 piece 1 piece

Wire Nails

180 Kegs 2' - 3'

Galvanized Wire

B. W. G. 14 - 22

217 coils

On view from Friday the

28th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE HONGKONG AND

WHAMPOA DOCK

CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that

the Ordinary Yearly Meeting

of Shareholders will be held

in the Office of the Company, 2

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong,

Monday 31st, March, 1919, at

noon, for consideration of the

Directors' Report and Statement

of Accounts for the year ending

31st December, 1918.

The Share Register and Trans-

fer Books will be closed from the

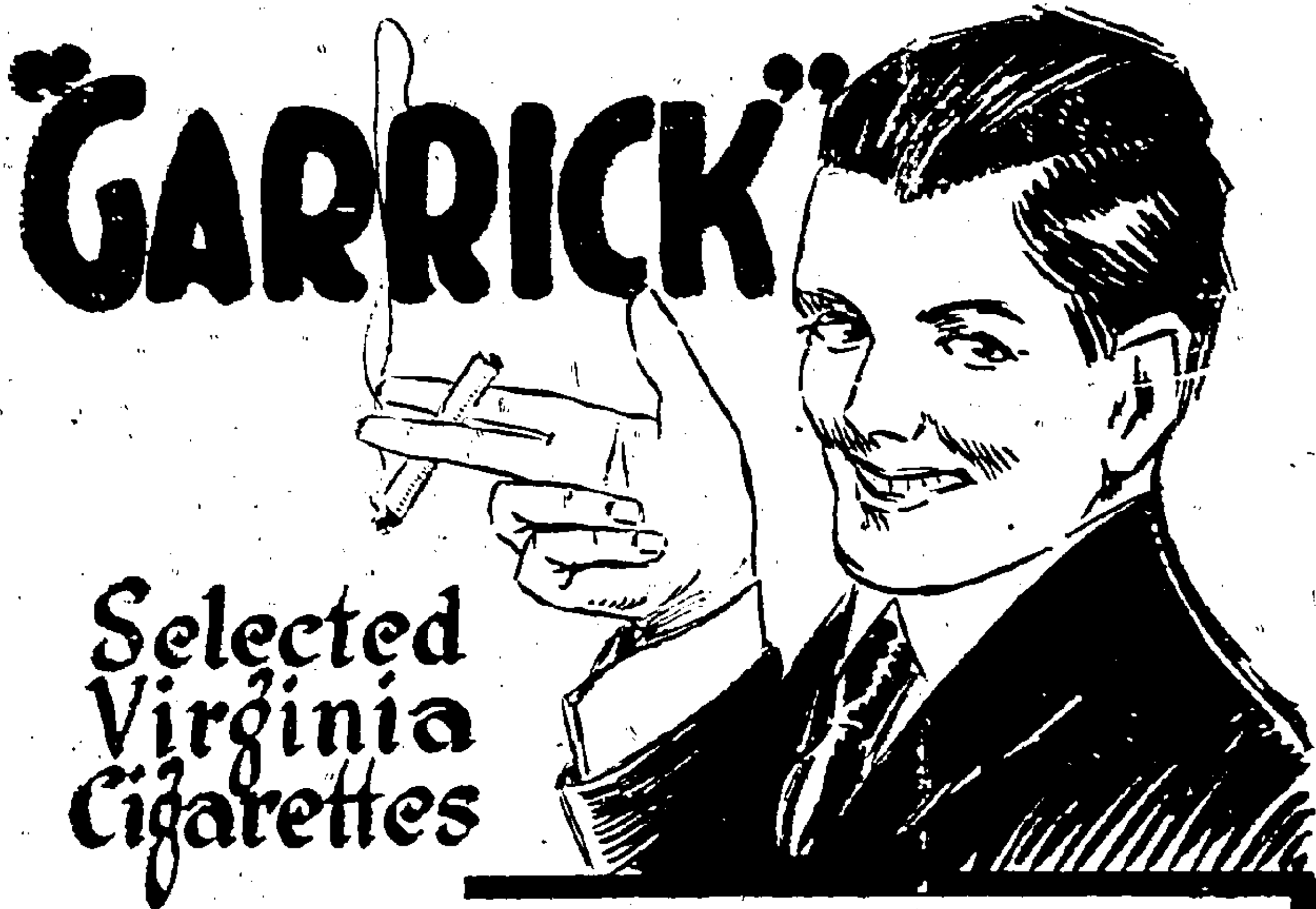
22nd to the 31st inst. both days

inclusive.

By Order of the Board

of Directors.

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SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

March 29.
Tschow 1274, Br. Capt. Michem, Can-
ton, B. & S. - Mooring. - C 15.
Telamco, 453, Br. Capt. Glosap,
Birkenhead, B. & S. - Mooring.
- F. Wharf.
Cadenza 1769, Jmr. Capt. Watts,
Nagasaki, B. & S. - Mooring.
- A 23.
Tenzon, 3443, Amer. Capt. Yardley,
San Francisco, Pac. Co. Mail -
Mooring. - K. Wharf.
Haxel 759, F. Capt. Wray, Haiphong,
Laplace, Mooring. - B 5.
Banyo Maru, 201, Jap. Capt. Honda,
Kawato, Y. E. K. - Mooring.
- B 19.
Amakura Maru, 1570, Jap. Capt. Kitano,
Kobe, O. S. K. - Mooring.
- B 19.
Taiwan Maru, 1267, Jap. Capt. Kawai,
Saigon, Sato, Mooring. - C 41.
Hajin Maru, 94, Jap. Capt. Nido,
Wuhu, M. P. K. - Mooring.
- A 15.

VESSELS CLEARED.

Tschow for Wuhu
Telamco for Shanghai
Hajin Maru for Canton
Hajin Maru for Swatow
Banyo Maru for Haiphong
Donax for P. & S. - B. & S.
Yuenan for Manila
Telamco for Shanghai
Telamco Maru for Calcutta

POST OFFICE.

British soldiers in the various hospitals
in Spain are badly in need of reading
matter. Any books, newspapers, etc., for
them are wanted in at the G. P. O. will
be passed and forwarded to them free.
A fee of 2d. in respect of the perfor-
mance of Customs formalities is now
charged on every parcel from abroad for
delivery in the United Kingdom on which
British Customs charges are payable.
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except in the case of duty paid parcels
when the amount may be prepaid by the
sender.

INWARD MAILS.

Swatow - Per CHUNSHANG, 28th Mar.
Manila and U.S.A. - Per NANKING,
30th Mar.
Straits - Per CHENGU, 30th Mar.
Straits - Per DUNERA, 31st Mar.
Europe via Nagasaki - Per TELEUS,
31st Mar.
Manila and Australia - Per AKI MARU,
31st Mar.
Straits - Per TIBODAS, 1st April.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.
Straits and Bangkok - Per KA'SURA
MARU, 29th Mar. 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via
Nagasaki, Canada, United
States, Central and South
America and Europe via Van-
couver - Per EMPRESS OF
ASIA, 29th Mar. 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong - Per HANOI, 29th Mar. 1 p.m.
Straits and Bangkok - Per SENATOR,
29th Mar. 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, 30th March.
Philippine Is., United States, C. and S.
America & Europe via Canada -
Per BE'SIE DOLLAR, 30th
March, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Kowloon -
Per AM-KURA MARU, 30th
March, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 31st March.

Swatow and Bangkok - Per TAMING,
31st March, 9 a.m.
Swatow and Straits - Per HUPEH, 31st
March, 9 a.m.
Japan via Nagasaki - Per NIKKO M.,
31st March, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe -
Per AKI MARU, 31st Mar. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China - Per KWANGSI,
31st March, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe,
Hono'u'u, Canada, U. States,
Central & S. America and Europe
via San Francisco - Per VENEZUELA,
31st Mar. 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai & North China - Per CHUHL,
31st March, 1 p.m.
Shanghai and N. China - Per DUNERA,
31st March, 1.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, 1st April.

Shanghai and North China - Per TEAN,
1st April, 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, 3rd April.

Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe -
Per KAGA MARU, 3rd April,
10 a.m.

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.

The a.s. CELTIC PRINCE is due to
arrive here from New York towards the
end of April.
The a.s. STAVI PRINCE is due to
arrive here from New York on the 5th
April.

The American & Manchurian Line
a.s. TITABOWM left New York for
Hongkong, Manila and S. rapore on the
4th March and may be expected to arrive
at this port on the 20th May.

The P. & O. a.s. CHUNSHANG left
Singapore for this Port on the 21st
instant, and is due here on the 23rd inst.
at about 5 p.m.

The P. & O. a.s. TIBODAS left Singa-
pore for this Port on the 24th instant,
and is due here on the 1st April.

The P. & O. a.s. CHENGU left Singa-
pore for this Port on the 23rd instant,
and is due here on the 30th instant.

The P. & O. a.s. DUNERA left Singa-
pore for this Port on the 23rd instant,
with the outward English Mail, and is
due here on the 31st instant and about
daylight.

The Admiral Line's a.s. SENATOR
sailed from Seattle's February 20th, calling
at Yokohama, and is due to arrive at
Hongkong on March 29th a.m. and sails
for Singapore March 29th, p.m.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN
left Kobe for Yokohama on the 26th inst.
and is due at Yokohama on or about the
27th inst.

The P. & O. a.s. INNAMING left
Singapore for this Port on the 27th inst.,
and is due here on the 4th April, at
about noon.

The T. E. K. PERSIA MARU, recently
released from War service, will leave
Nagasaki, March 31st direct for Hong-
kong, arriving here April 4th.

The T. E. K. a.s. SIBERIA MARU
arrived at Yokohama March 25th from
San Francisco.

Shanghai and N. China - Per SUNNING,
3rd April, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Yok-
ohama, Hono'u'u, Canada, U.
States, Central and S. America
and Europe via San Francisco -
Per NANKING, 3rd April,
10 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, 4th April.

Straits, Bangkok, S. rapore and Europe via
Buenos Aires - Per AGAPENOB, 4th
April, 9.45 a.m. Letters
10 a.m.

The Postal Mail will be closed on
Thursday, 4th April at 5 p.m.

MONDAY 7th April.
Shanghai, N. China and Japan via Kobe -
Per KAGA MARU, 7th April,
10 a.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 28d. 11h. 15m. - No returns from
Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure has
been steady to a degree in the vicinity of
Shanghai, and moderately to slightly
elsewhere; an anticyclone of moderate
intensity has developed over N. China,
and the monsoon will probably freshen
along the China coast.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st 2.37 inches
against an average of 3.75 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gey. Reel.	N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy (fog, mist or drizzling rain).
Formosa Channel	N. winds, fresh to strong.
South coast of China bet. H.K. and Lamook	The same as No. 1.
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C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Mar. 28, 1919.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Period	Day	On date	On date
	28.31	29.34	29.32
Barometer	70	69	75
Temperature	81	95	79
Humidity	E.	O.	E.
Wind Direction	4	0	3
Force	0	0	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Height above sea level	271h 73	271h 73	271h 73

H.K. Observatory, Mar. 28, 1919.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO,
HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS
AND SHANGHAI.

S.S. "VENEZUELA"

The above mentioned vessel
having arrived from the above
mentioned Ports, consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that
their cargo will be landed at
their risk into the hazardous
and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
Kowloon, and stored at Con-
signees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby
notified that they must produce
an Import Permit signed by the
Superintendent of Imports &
Exports, Hongkong, before Bills
of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and dam-
aged goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on April 1st 1919 at
10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a month of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the
Godowns and all goods remaining
undelivered after April 3rd will
be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
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Alexandra Buildings,
Hongkong, 26th February, 1919.

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